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ERM adrift despite £31bn rescue bid

BY JANET BUSH AND CHARLES BREMNER

Europe's linked monetary system was all but broken by the markets which knocked half the currencies onto their floor trading levels

EUROPE'S political leaders looked perilously close to losing their battle with the financial markets last night after an attack on the exchange-rate mechanism of unprecedented ferocity.

The politicians launched a verbal assault in defence of the currency system they have striven to protect with high interest rates even in the midst of deepening recession. But their effort counted for little against the "enormous" flow of international money out of Europe.

It was the worst day for the currency system since its inception with investors attacking most of the currencies in the system and not, as in September last year, focusing on weak links such as sterling and the lira. Dealers estimated that central banks spent at least 80 billion marks (£31 billion) trying to defend the French and Belgian francs, the Danish krone, the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo.

One European bank dealer described the mood of the markets at the close as one of "strutting confidence" that the ERM in its present form is finished. Dealers were convinced that action will have to be taken this weekend to allow Europe to lower its interest rates — whether it is a widening of the bands the ERM is allowed to trade within, a general realignment, a revaluation or flotation of the German mark or total suspension of the system. Instant monetary union between France and Germany was another option discussed in the markets.

John Shepperd, chief economist with Yamaichi International Europe, said last night: "All we want now is for the funeral arrangements to be sensible." Throughout the day, prime ministers and central bankers denied that they would devalue or realign their currencies and that a meeting of the European monetary committee, which has to agree on such issues, was planned for the weekend.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, said that the rules of the system were working well but that "goodwill of each and everyone" would be needed to make sure that they continued to be effective. He was clearly referring to Germany, whose refusal to cut interest rates on Thursday despite the danger to the ERM, was seen as a slap in the face to the Franco-German alliance. President Mitterrand, one of its key exponents, was said by officials to have telephoned Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to convey his disappointment that the Bundesbank had put its domestic monetary policy before Europeanunity.

Finance officials were locked in meetings to find a way of easing the pressure on the French currency without bringing down the ERM — and the surviving hopes of European union along with it.

Officials at the Bank of France said they expected tense scenes when the French and German finance ministers and bank chiefs meet in Paris on Tuesday for a regular session. The meeting replaced one which was cancelled recently when German officials balked at public pressure from their French counterparts to cut interest rates, a clash which contributed to the build-up of tensions in the system.

The Belgian franc, once regarded as one of the "hardest" currencies in the grid, also ended only a whisker above its lower limit despite the assertion by Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, that the franc would remain pegged to the mark. He told Belgian television that there had been no call from any European Community member state for a meeting of the monetary committee and that Belgium, as the present EC president, would not take the initiative for a meeting.

The Spanish were reported as being ready to throw in the towel. Pedro Solbes, Spain's economy minister, said in Madrid that he wanted some kind of contact on the ERM at the weekend. Eberhard Martini, president of the German bank association, in a radio interview to be broadcast tomorrow, has also called for a realignment of the ERM.

Although there was no official word by the close of trading yesterday of any weekend meetings or contact between central bankers and finance ministers, the markets are now convinced that the ERM will have to be adjusted, one way or the other. Michael Hughes, chief economist at BZW, said: "The pressure is just too great for Europe's leaders to go on with the system."

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Defiant Major holds his course against rising electoral tide



Braving the storm: With valorous restraint John Major yesterday expressed mere disappointment over the Conservative party's crushing defeat at the hands of the Liberal Democrats in the Christchurch by-election (writes Bill Frost). During a lunch-time visit to a regatta on Grafham Water in his Huntingdon constituency, he ignored photographers' bellowed calls to don a lifejacket he had just autographed for a young fan. "There's no need, I am on dry land," Mr Major said with a thin smile. "That's what you think," a voice cried from the crowd.

Earlier Mr Major described the outcome of the Christchurch by-election as a disappointing result. He also said he "felt sorry" for Rob Hayward — the party's vanquished candidate.

Clearly unimpressed by calls from some of his own backbenchers yesterday for a radical re-examination of policy in the wake of humiliating defeat, Mr Major said he had no intention of being "shoved off" course. "I think the important thing is that we need to get the country on its feet. We have been through a difficult period, difficult decisions lie ahead and I'm not going to be deflected," he told reporters. Against that background there would be no "rethink on VAT on domestic fuel". He emphasised that his government will help "vulnerable" people to pay higher bills.

Mr Major emphasised his goals for the future and his government's achievements over the last 12 months. "We needed to get inflation down — we have done that. We needed to make sure there was growth — that has happened. We need to make a concerted attack against crime. Nothing that has happened will deflect us from that. I spoke of the need to get Britain's finances in order but that cannot be done without difficult decisions."

Cabinet insists VAT stays on fuel

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major scrambled bloodied but defiant from the wreckage of the Christchurch by-election débâcle yesterday to declare that he would not surrender over unpopular but necessary policies such as the imposition of VAT on domestic heating bills.

In a concerted cabinet operation, senior ministers came to his side, insisting that the government would not be blown off course by the Conservatives worst by-election performance since the war.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that despite the "lousy" result, Mr Major "ought to stay and tough it out". But last night it was clear that Mr Major was facing an incipient backbench Tory revolt embracing the left and right of the party over the VAT levy and that his leadership was again being questioned.

As Diana Maddock, the jubilant Liberal Democrat victor in what was once the Tories 15th safest seat, demanded that the prime minister heed the voters' mass protest, arch Euro-sceptic James Cran joined left-wing Tory William Powell in calling for an end to the threat of higher indirect taxes.

The backbench clamour for a rethink grew as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, met with his ministerial colleagues and officials for a pre-Budget summit at Dorneywood in Buckinghamshire, his official country residence.

Some Tories such as David Shaw, MP for Dover, believe that despite the prime minister's firm stance Mr Clarke

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Tourists face currency gamble

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

WITH the traditional summer rush to the sun reaching its peak this weekend, hundreds of thousands of holiday-makers are unlikely to gain much immediate advantage from the current exchange-rate confusion. But, by next week, if the franc, peseta and escudo devalue, travellers to Europe could reap rich rewards.

For now they are in the same boat as currency speculators, having to decide whether to change their pounds now or wait for the expected collapse of the ERM and the probable subsequent devaluation of the currencies now under attack. For those travelling today, there is unlikely to be much movement in the exchange rates as governments in Spain, France and Portugal fight to protect their currencies. Most banks and bureaux de change, however, confidently predict that the franc and the peseta will not be able to hold out much longer.

Sterling, no longer in the ERM, is relatively strong, so that any changes forced on the beleaguered currencies are almost certain to benefit British travellers. They must, however, now decide whether collapse of the currencies is imminent or if they can be successfully defended.

"We are now pretty sure there is going to be a devaluation of between 5 and 10 per cent, and probably nearer 10 per cent, within the next few days," a Thomas Cook spokesman said. "This means someone taking £500 to spend will benefit by around £50 if he waits until the ERM does collapse .... There is always a 'Happy Hour' when the markets over-react and the values plunge before coming back when governments take action."

With at least 270,000 passengers expected to fly just from Gatwick this weekend, the demand for foreign currency is likely to be at its peak. Self-catering holiday-makers are likely to benefit most from any devaluation. Although flight and accommodation prices will not change, any fall in the franc, peseta or escudo will enable them to buy more necessities.

Perhaps the wisest, and safest advice would be to take a mixture of hard currency, traveller's cheques, and credit cards, so benefiting whatever happens.

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Rees-Mogg case rejected by judges

BY NICHOLAS WATT

EURO-SCEPTICS conceded last night that the final attempt to block the Maastricht treaty appeared to be doomed after Lord Rees-Mogg failed in the High Court to prevent the government ratifying the treaty.

After three judges unanimously rejected the challenge, Sir Teddy Taylor, a leading Tory Euro-sceptic, said: "It is said that this final attempt to block the Maastricht treaty seems to have foundered."

Lord Rees-Mogg, a former editor of *The Times*, said last night that he would announce on Monday whether he would be appealing against the judgment, for which a provisional date has been set for August 9. He will be meeting his financial backers over the weekend after he was ordered to pay costs, estimated to have already run to £250,000.

The judges took 35 minutes to reject Lord Rees-Mogg's argument that the government had no lawful right to ratify the treaty because Parliament had not approved the social protocol. Lord Justice Lloyd, who was sitting with Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld, said that Lord Rees-Mogg had brought the case out of his "sincere concern for constitutional issues", but accused him of "exaggeration" in describing it as the most important constitutional case for 300 years.

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French police arrest two for attack on British girl

BY CHARLES BREMNER AND JOHN VINCENT

TWO men were arrested in Biarritz, southwest France, yesterday by police investigating an attack in which an 18-year-old British girl was left for dead.

Kery Clegg, of Blackburn, Lancashire, who had been fruitpicking, lay in a quarry 12 miles northeast of Bordeaux for two days before she was found by a local worker on July 19. She was naked except for a black tee-shirt and was suffering from knife wounds to her throat, third degree sunburn and dehydration.

She is now out of danger and has been able to talk to doctors and her family, although a hospital spokeswoman said last night that she was still very tired. Her speech was confused and she had only a patchy recollection of the attack. It is expected to be at least a week before she can return home.

Court sources said the suspects, both Frenchmen aged 20, had been carrying articles which belonged to Miss Clegg. Last night they were being taken from Biarritz to Bordeaux to face court officials.

They were said to come from the area where Miss Clegg was attacked and were traced to Biarritz "thanks to thorough police work and a little dose of luck," said Alain Guglielmi, the Bordeaux deputy prosecutor in charge of the case.

Body Shop wins £276,000

BY JAMIE DETTMER

BODY Shop, the "green" cosmetic group, and its founders Gordon and Anita Roddick, were awarded £276,000 in libel damages by the High Court yesterday over a Channel Four programme that questioned their commitment to animal welfare.

The High Court jury, which delivered a split verdict, took nearly 12 hours to decide that the programme, *Bodysearch*, had defamed the company and the Roddicks. The programme, broadcast in May 1992, characterised as a "complete sham" Body Shop's policy of refusing to stock products tested on animals.

Gordon Roddick said he felt vindicated after hearing that the company would receive £273,000 in lost profits and £1,000 in damages. The Roddicks were also awarded £1,000 each in damages.



Roddick: wept after hearing the verdict

Channel Four and the makers of the documentary, Fulcrum Productions Ltd, face a bill estimated at £1.5 million. After the verdict, Mrs Roddick wept, saying: "I feel like I've just given birth. It's been an experience I never want to repeat."

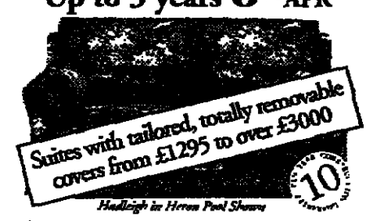
But Colin Leventhal, Channel Four executive director, said: "The jury has awarded only token general damages to Mr and Mrs Roddick and their company — but has awarded a ludicrous amount for loss of profit. We will be considering an appeal."

☐ Channel Four also paid substantial damages to Nigel Bowden, a freelance journalist, over a documentary that criticised *The Sunday Times* coverage of the SAS shooting of three IRA members in Gibraltar. Mr Bowden, who helped investigate the deaths for paper claimed the programme by Clark Productions was grossly defamatory.

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After Christchurch: how the winners and losers will marshal their troops


SIMON WALKER

Passing places: Teresa Gorman and Norman Fowler meet between interviews on the morning after the Christchurch by-election defeat

Dissidents forecast prime minister's fall

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BATTLE-WEARY Tory loyalists received the grim news of another by-election humiliation with an air of sullen resignation yesterday.

After the party's battering in the county elections and at Newbury and the dramas over Maastricht, few of the prime minister's Commons supporters were expecting Christchurch to buck the trend. But there was still dismay at the scale of the 35 per cent swing — the biggest anti-government shift since the war.

From the growing army of backbench Tory dissidents, which now embraces the left as well as the right, there was bitter criticism of John Major and Sir Norman Fowler, party chairman, and renewed predictions that Mr Major had only a year to retrieve his position.

Loyalists said they saw no signs of a challenge to Mr Major at present but that could change in the run-up to the next election if the party's fortunes did not improve.

Meanwhile, ministers underlined their determination to see through unpopular policies in the belief that the right decisions would eventually pay dividends.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said it would be a "shame and an error to succumb to the lure of looking for scapegoats, be they policies, personalities or presentation". She added that in Christchurch the Tories had paid the price of disunity.

But with William Powell, the left-of-centre MP for Corby, and Teresa Gorman, the anti-Maastricht right-winger from Billericay, laying into Mr Major, there was little sign that the post-Maastricht truce would hold beyond August.

Mr Powell, a former parliamentary aide to Michael Heseltine, blamed the Christchurch defeat mainly on the government's decision to levy value-added tax on gas and electricity bills.

Mrs Gorman said that unless Mr Major changed his policies he would find himself out of a job.

But David Harris, Tory MP for St Ives, one of those threatened by the Liberal Democrat surge in the South West, said he was confident the Tories would retake Christchurch at the general election. He did not believe Christchurch would raise an "immediate question mark" over Mr Major's future.

But another senior MP on the right of the party said: "I have a feeling he will go suddenly. He has not got the stomach for a sustained fight."

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R Haywood (Con)	16,737
N Lickley (Lab)	1,453
A Sked (Anti-Maastricht Anti Fed League)	878
Lord Sutch (Raving Loony Rock-Roll)	404
A Bennon (un Con)	357
P Newman (Sack Graham Taylor)	80
T B Jackson (Buy Daily Sport)	67
P Hollyman (Save NHS)	60
J Crockard (Highlander IV Wed Prom Night)	48
M Griffiths (Nat Law)	45
M Belcher (Ian for King)	23
K Fitzhugh (Alfred Chicken)	18
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Lib Dem majority	16,433
Total vote 53,344 Turnout 74.2%	

1992: R J Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J Barratt (NLP) 243; A Wareham (CRA) 175. Con maj 23,015. 10,480 (19.2%).

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Lib-Dems dismiss idea of Labour pact

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, yesterday ruled out any electoral pacts with Labour as he celebrated his party's victory in Christchurch.

With the party capitalising on another significant win in the south following its success at Newbury three months ago, Mr Ashdown made clear that the Liberal Democrats did not need Labour's support.

"A pact would be a denial of democracy. We are an individual party standing for the policies we put forward," said Mr Ashdown, who 12 months ago made clear that he was keen for the Liberal Democrats to work informally with Labour where there was common ground. However, following two sweeping by-election wins, he fears that any links with Labour would damage Liberal Democrat prospects.

The party is now targeting 17 Tory seats in the South, mostly in the South-West. This weekend the Liberal Democrats will launch "The Christchurch challenge" to sign up 3,000 more members on the back of their win on Thursday.

Meanwhile Labour tried to put a brave face on its disastrous showing in Christchurch. Margaret Beckett, deputy leader, said: "We are very encouraged by the way the government's policies have been rejected." She insisted that Labour was still the second party in the South. "The fact is that across the South and across the country as a whole it is Labour which is the challenger."

A party official said the county council elections had shown that Labour had significant support in the South and the Boundary Commission changes were likely to have a better impact than first expected.

"In the South we are in a position to win the seats we need for the next general election," he said. "There is no need for pacts. Labour is on course to win outright."

However, he admitted that voters in the South still had to be persuaded that a Labour government would not damage their living standards.

"We need to build on our agenda and dispel our high tax and high-spending image," said the official.

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There are no short cuts for the Tories

The Christchurch by-election was a snapshot, a referendum on the government's standing, not a predictor of the future. But that does not make it any less significant.

The precise figures, the record post-war swing against a government, have no long-term meaning. It is pointless speculating how many previously safe Tory seats are vulnerable. The Tories may recapture Christchurch at the next election, as they did all three seats won by the Liberal Democrats in the last Parliament. But that is all beside the point.

Much of the vast swing to the Liberal Democrats may, as Douglas Hurd argued yesterday, be a protest vote, a familiar mid-term setback. But it is a protest that the Tories cannot ignore. There is no reason why all that vote will return automatically to the Tories. The message of Christchurch, like Newbury and the council elections two and a half months ago, is that a large number of Tory loyalists have become disillusioned to an unprecedented extent.

As the latest MORI poll for *The Times* shows, they regard the government as out of touch and divided, and see John Major as an ineffective and inflexible leader. His standing has plummeted in the past year.

In part, but only in part, that may be a response to events now over, the bitter divisions within the Tory party over Maastricht and the long recession. The end of those chapters should help, with recovery clearly under way. But the disenchantment of previous Tory supporters appears deeper and less likely to be cured by a few months of good economic statistics.

Mr Major has shown that he is in control again, not guiding a minority government through the tactical minefields of Parliament but rather the leader of a majority government offering a clear-cut strategy. As Mr Hurd, at his most magisterial, put it yesterday: "We have to listen, to decide, to persuade — and we have to improve our performance on all three."

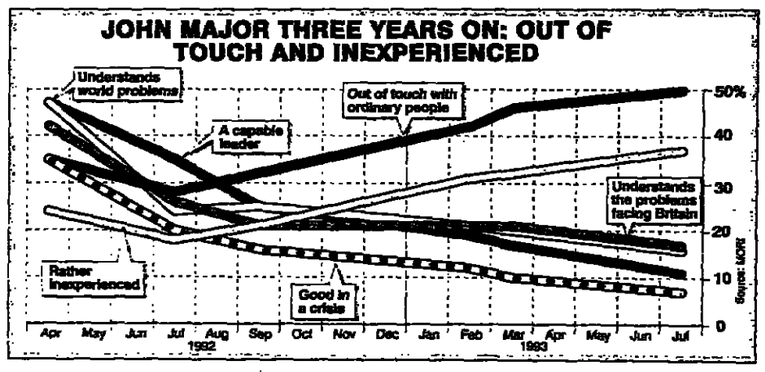
There are no short cuts. Mr Major and senior ministers yesterday had little choice but to argue that they will "tough it out" and not be deflected from difficult decisions. While the Tories obviously suffered, in a constituency with a large number of retired people, from the decision to extend VAT to domestic fuel, the government would look irresolute if, say, it rescinded the second instalment of the increase due in April 1995.

Far more likely, as Mr Major hinted yesterday, is that the government will be generous in its payments to pensioners and those on income support. The real test will be whether Kenneth Clarke feels inhibited from taking some potentially unpopular decisions in the Budget on November 30.

The message for the opposition is more complicated. The electorate is voting for whichever of the opposition parties is most likely to defeat the Tories: the Liberal Democrats, in southern England outside cities and the largest towns, and Labour in urban areas. Labour's lost deposit does not matter. However, the party, and John Smith, its leader, have been treading water in recent months. Labour needs a winnable by-election to help regain momentum.

Holding the by-election now rather than in September should at least ensure that the immediate reaction is muffled by the absence of MPs on their summer recess. But the frustrations of local Tory activists are likely to surface at the party conference in two months' time. August is likely to offer only a respite for Mr Major.

PETER RIDDELL



Major seen as out of touch

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE prime minister has suffered an unprecedented drop in public confidence in his qualities as a leader over the past year as both he and his party are widely seen as out of touch with ordinary people.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* underlines the extent of disenchantment with John Major and the Conservative party. Particularly worrying for Mr Major, in the wake of his party's rout at Christchurch, is that many Tory supporters share these doubts.

An all-time high of 60 per cent of the public say the Tories are out of touch with ordinary people. For 35 to 54-year-olds, Londoners and full-time workers, the figure is over 70 per cent. More than a third of Tory supporters regard the party as out of touch.

Mr Major personally is regarded as out of touch by half the public, including a quarter of Tory supporters.

His personal ratings are far worse than Margaret Thatcher's when she was at her least popular as prime minister. Just 11 per cent of all voters (and 25 per cent of Tory supporters) regard Mr Major as a capable leader. His predecessor's low point, in February 1990, was 34 per cent. Only 7 per cent of the public (and 12 per cent of Tories) now believe Mr Major is good in a crisis.

Mr Major is seen as out of touch and inflexible, while John Smith is viewed as having sound judgment, being down to earth and understanding Britain's problems. Paddy Ashdown is seen as having a lot of personality and being good in a crisis. A mere 5 per cent of the public, and 11 per cent of Tories, think Mr Major has a lot of personality.

The arguments over the Maastricht treaty and the extension of VAT to domestic fuel appear to have been particularly damaging. Half the public believe the Tories are divided, a rise of 20 percentage points since the question was asked in April. More than 40 per cent of Tories see the party as divided. Over half the public, including one in five Tories, say the party will promise anything to win votes.

Only about 8 per cent of respondents say the Tories have a good team of leaders, including just over 20 per cent of Tory supporters.

The Conservative party rows and climbdowns of the past year have led to a sharp drop in the number of people saying the Tories have a professional approach, to 12 per cent from 42 per cent at the time of the general election.

Compared with the other parties, the Tories are seen as out of touch, while Labour is viewed as concerned and looking after people's interests.

Twice as many people see the Tories as divided as believe Labour is divided. The Liberal Democrats are seen as representing all classes and having sensible policies.

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Man quizzed over playground bomb

A man was being questioned last night after a primed 20lb bomb was found near a children's playground in the village of Pomeroy, co. Tyrone. Police believe it was meant for one of their patrols. At the same time, police were under pressure to catch Loyalist gunmen threatening a new outbreak of sectarian bloodshed in and around Belfast.

In one attack, a man and three young boys, all Catholics, were fired on after their car broke down on the M2 motorway on the way home from a football match on Thursday night. Joe McLarnon, 36, and a boy aged 13 were wounded. Both are described as comfortable in hospital. The other two boys, aged 12 and 14, escaped injury. A friend said last night the four had no political affiliations. Later, in Lisburn, co. Antrim, two Catholics were ambushed but survived after the gunman's weapon jammed.

Chemicals firm fined

A chemical firm has been fined £250,000 following an explosion at its plant last year. Five people died after a fireball ripped through the Hickson and Welch plant in Castleford, West Yorkshire, last September. At Leeds Crown Court yesterday the company, which employs 846 workers, admitted failing to ensure the safety of its staff.

US extradition move

Curtis Howard, the American accused of the murder in June 1991 of Catherine Ayling, the Sussex student found dead in the boot of a hire car at Gatwick, may be extradited to Britain as early as next week. On Thursday the US Court of Appeals turned down a request for a stay of extradition. His lawyers argue he could not be given a fair trial in Britain.

Oxford's psychic degree

Oxford University has entered the psychic realm by today awarding a degree, possibly the first in the UK, to an expert in out-of-body experiences. Dr Charles McCreery, 51, gets his degree after years working in experimental psychology, where he found that 20 per cent of people have had the sensation of leaving the physical body for a short time.

£800,000 injury award

A woman left severely disabled after the van in which she was a passenger crashed into a wall was awarded £837,000 from the dead driver's estate yesterday. The High Court in London made the award to Jacqueline Fitzgerald, 32, of Redhill, Surrey, against the estate of David Polmeer, who was earlier held 75 per cent to blame for the accident.

Adams near chess place

Michael Adams, Britain's number two chess player, is one game away from almost certain qualification for the next round of the world chess federation's version of the world chess championship. Boris Gelfand (Belarus) leads the Fide interzonal tournament in Biel, Switzerland, with 8½ points from 12 and Adams has 8. Championship chess, page 7

Yard wants cars traced

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad appealed to the public yesterday for help in tracing the movements anywhere in the United Kingdom over the past 12 months of a blue Ford Escort Mark 3, registration DEM 118Y, sold at auction in London in June, and a green Nissan, registration C473 OVK. The anti-terrorist hotline is 0800 789321.

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Now and then: Mairtin Seoighe today, and second left in the winning currach

Nadir's ex-wife and friend ordered to forfeit sureties

By Angela Mackay and Christopher Elliott

An Old Bailey judge has given Asil Nadir's sureties notice of 18 months' and two years' imprisonment if they default

ASIL Nadir's former wife and one of his closest friends were ordered yesterday to pay into court £1.15 million between them as a result of the Turkish-Cypriot businessmen breaking his bail and fleeing Britain rather than facing trial on theft charges of £33 million.

Ramadan Guney, a north London Turkish-Cypriot businessman who made his fortune from cemeteries, was ordered to forfeit £650,000 of the £1 million surety he pledged two and a half years ago. Mr Guney faces two years' imprisonment if he cannot pay within six months. Mr Justice Tucker said at the Old Bailey that had it not been for Mr Guney's heart condition, the prison term would have been three years.

Asyegul Nadir, Mr Nadir's former wife whom he has twice married and divorced, was ordered to forfeit £500,000. Mr Justice Tucker expressed doubt, however, whether Mrs Nadir would pay as she is reported to be in northern Cyprus with Mr Nadir. He ordered her to pay the whole £500,000 she pledged in jewellery and antiques as bail, gave her 28 days to comply and ordered she would go to prison for 18 months in default. She was unrepresented in court.

Mr Nadir was granted bail of £3.5 million after he was arrested in 1991 on theft charges related to his fresh fruit, hotels and electronics company, Polly Peck International. Of that amount, Mr Nadir paid £2 million from his own resources into court and that money is the subject of a legal tussle between Polly Peck's administrators and Mr Nadir's trustee in bankruptcy.

Mr Guney, 61, was in court to hear the judge say he had not taken all reasonable steps to ensure his friend Mr Nadir presented himself for trial. However, Mr Justice Tucker said he was satisfied that Mr Guney had played no part in Mr Nadir's flight to northern Cyprus in May, nor had he aided his escape.

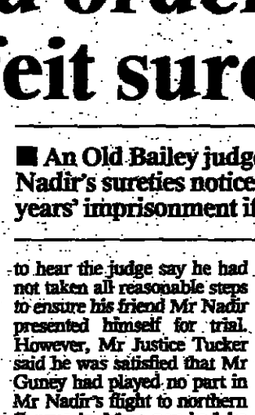
Grey-faced and stooped, Mr Guney refused to comment as he left court, but speaking last night from his office he said that he was disappointed at the court's decision. His problems were compounded, he said, by the receipt yesterday of a letter telling him he must have a double bypass heart operation on August 31. "I have instructed my solicitors to appeal immediately. The judge didn't make the right decision. He didn't even pronounce my name properly."

Mr Guney's defence was based on the Serious Fraud Office's failure to retake his surety when the matter was transferred to the Crown Court. Mr Justice Tucker ruled that none of the parties involved had ever considered that Mr Nadir had been surrendered into the custody of the court, so his sureties were still responsible.

Most of the three-hour hearing to decide on "estreating" bail was held in chambers, excluding press and public. Protests were made to the judge by the Central Criminal Court Journalists' Association about his decision, made at the request of Mr Guney's counsel, Stephen Batten QC. The association urged the judge to reconsider as "secrecy can only add to public concern surrounding the case".

The judge responded by sending his clerk to explain to reporters he had been "shown authorities as to why it should be in chambers and is satisfied it should be in chambers, but for reasons he can't give outside chambers". The clerk added another reason was that reference was being made to "matters heard in chambers on previous occasions".

The judge briefly opened the court twice, to rule against Mr Batten's argument that Mr Guney was no longer liable as Mr Nadir had technically surrendered his bail at an earlier hearing, and to announce his rulings on the amounts to be forfeited.



Mr Guney arriving at court yesterday

Bentley granted partial pardon

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

DEREK Bentley, hanged 40 years ago for the murder of a policeman, has been granted a partial posthumous pardon, the Home Office announced yesterday.

The unique pardon recognises that Bentley should not have been condemned to death. But it still maintains his guilt and Bentley's family and others campaigning to clear his name said they would continue to lobby Michael Howard, the home secretary, to send the case back to the Court of Appeal.

Bentley, 19, was convicted 41 years ago with Christopher Craig, 16, after police caught the two breaking into a warehouse. Bentley was arrested but Craig fired several shots and fatally wounded PC Sidney Miles. Police said this was after Bentley cried out: "Let him have it, Chris." Craig was too young to hang.

Yesterday, as the decision was announced, Iris Bentley, Bentley's sister, said: "As you can see I'm absolutely shattered. Behind my glasses I have been crying a lot, not because I'm sad but because I've got somewhere at last. Now we have just one more obstacle to go. We have to get his name cleared of murder."

She said she had dreamt the night before that her brother was saying "It won't be long now sis."

The home secretary's decision follows attempts in the past year by Miss Bentley to challenge a refusal by Kenneth Clarke, then home secretary, to recommend a free pardon. Earlier this month, the High Court agreed that Bentley should have been reprieved and suggested the system of pardon could be flexible enough to acknowledge that "an injustice was done" over sentencing. The court made no criticism of the home secretary's decision not to recommend a free pardon.

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Last of the islandsmen clings to his bleak world

By James Landale

MAIRTIN Choilin Seoighe is the last remaining inhabitant of a 400-acre island one mile off the west coast of Ireland. Living with no electricity, no running water and no telephone, he survives by tending a few cattle and growing his own vegetables. He is said to be the last islandsman in Eire.

At its population peak in the 1930s, more than 200 people lived on Inishbarra, co. Galway. Their houses now lie derelict, victims of the mass emigration that has blighted communities in the west of Ireland for decades.

According to census figures released last month, 3,954 more people left Galway than came to live there between 1986 and 1991. As the work on the island disappeared, so did the people. Mr Seoighe's last neighbour left 12 years ago.

"There was nothing for them here, there were no jobs," he said. "The land was so poor they couldn't live any longer. When I was growing up, I never thought that I would be left here alone. But it is too late to go now. I will stay as long as I have my health."

Mr Seoighe, a former All Ireland currach rowing champion now in his 60s, uses his traditional boat to get to the mainland for supplies twice a week. He never married and does not smoke or drink. "A breath of fresh Atlantic air every morning is all I need," he said. A fit, strong man, he carries easily under one arm a bag of barley which would strain two men.

Mr Seoighe's great-great-grandfather was the first person to live on the island in the 18th century. "People reckoned it was a lot easier to live by the sea at that time," he said. They kept a few cattle and sheep, grew potatoes and fished to make ends meet.

"They were quite happy with it," Mr Seoighe said. "But they were just living, that is all. They did not make any money." Five of Mr Seoighe's ten brothers and sisters left for America. He himself worked on a farm in England for a few years in the 1960s and 1970s, when he first learnt English, before returning to look after his dying father.

Inishbarra — the name comes either from a local saint, Bearachain, or from the Gaelic for "the island at the top of the bay" — is a bleak granite outcrop, criss-crossed by a patchwork of dry stone walls dividing the antique smallholdings. Mr Seoighe spends his days tending his cattle, three Connemara ponies and 100 acres.

"I have no spare time," he said. "The day's not long enough for me. I will be up and about from 8 in the morning till 10 in the evening." For company, Mr Seoighe has his two dogs, Blackie and Shepherd. "Sometimes it is lonely here," he said. "But other times I tell myself that I'm really happy. It's just ups and downs, I suppose."

Foster vows to fight on after hung jury

By Richard Duce

LADY Foster said last night that she would continue her legal battle against customs officers after a jury failed to reach a decision on her claim for compensation. Lady Foster, who says she was humiliated by customs men at Heathrow airport, faces legal costs of up to £200,000 but said she would pursue a retrial.

After six hours of deliberation, the High Court jury was still hung after being offered a possible ten-two majority decision by Mr Justice Drake and was discharged.

Lady Foster, 45, the wife of the architect Sir Norman Foster, said outside the court: "I am very disappointed that the jury wasn't able to come to a unanimous decision because it's a matter of principle for us and we will meet again."

When asked about the cost of further pursuing the court action in which Lady Foster, of Battersea, south London, and her daughter India Langmead, 27, of Hampstead, north London, are suing customs for false imprisonment and slander by conduct, she said: "When you believe in a principle, you believe in a principle. We have decided to fight for it."

During the five-day court hearing Robert Seabrook QC, for Customs and Excise, described the two women as being "unsufferably grand" when they were questioned by Timothy Entwhistle, a customs officer, in November 1990. The judge discharged the jury after Mr Seabrook said he was not prepared to accept a narrower majority.

The court had heard how the women were stopped by Mr Entwhistle as they arrived from Brussels. He noticed a Jordanian visa in Lady Foster's passport at a time when UN sanctions were in force against neighbouring Iraq in the run-up to the Gulf war. Lady Foster and customs officers gave conflicting accounts of what happened next.

Customs and Excise would not comment after the jury was discharged because the case is still considered active.

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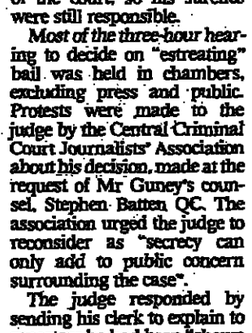
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Tate's modernist choice makes waves at St Ives

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE new Tate Gallery in St Ives has entered the great modern art debate, dividing tourists, townspeople and artists in its first month since opening.

Drawn up on one side are residents and artists who claim that the modernist contents of the building are too selective and unrepresentative of the St Ives scene.

They say that London art snobs have chosen the paintings and sculpture on show, turning the gallery into a museum dedicated to the area's brief post-war artistic fame rather than making it a celebration of living art.

Ranged against them are a handful of gallery owners and the Tate itself. They argue that the new gallery, containing abstract expressionist work by Alfred Wallis, Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth and Peter Lanyon among others, was not intended to summarise the whole scene and that the range of work was planned months in advance.

Graham Morris, café owner and member of the St Ives Chamber of Trade committee, said: "I get one response from customers: 'Lovely building, shame about the art.'

"Everything in it is modern, with little notes by the side — I couldn't understand what anything was meant to be. I am sure the majority of people here do not recognise the art and do not understand it."

The locals stick resolutely to a pride in the landscape tradition, "when sea looks like sea and rocks are the proper colour". Mr Morris remembers Wallis paying his bill at the bakery in paintings. "Every Monday morning, the baker would start his fire with one or two of the pictures — he didn't think they were much good and Alfred Wallis always said he only painted to please himself."

Hyman Segal, an artist who has worked in the town for 40 years and whose paintings and cartoons hang in the Sloop Inn, the pub favoured by local artists, is also unhappy with the choice of work. A founding member of the Penwith Society, a major force in St Ives art during the fifties, he was not asked for an opinion on what to hang or invited to a preview.

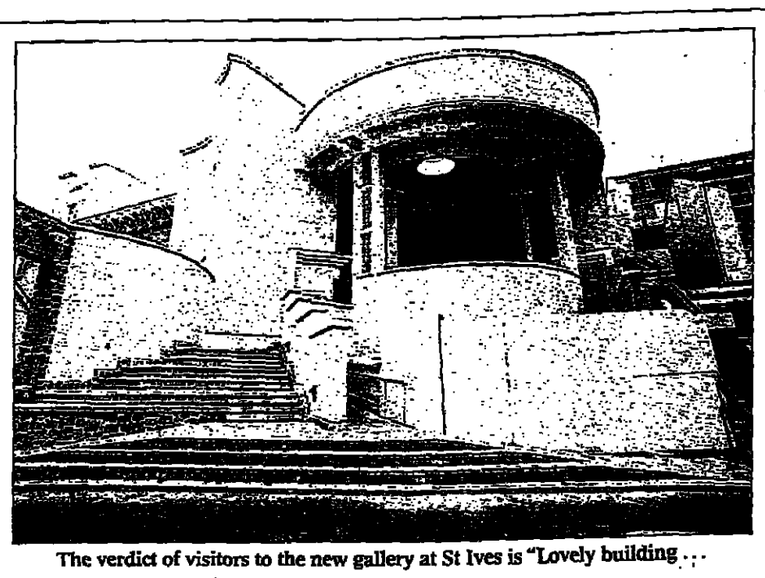
"The gallery must be a good thing because it is expanding the audience for art. But if it is supposed to represent St Ives art, then it fails. I am constantly being asked why I am not in it, and my answer is simply that I have not been involved at all."

Other painters and dealers who own the many small galleries and studios scattered up and down the winding streets behind the sea front are divided. Some are pleased that, if nothing else, the gallery has provoked the art community, reviving a debate reminiscent of the days when St Ives became a focus for worldwide artistic attention.

Bob Devereux, of the Salthouse Gallery, maintains that the Tate is not attracting more art-lovers to St Ives but that holidaymakers enjoy it. When tourists enter his gallery to ask directions to the Tate, he makes them look at the pictures on his walls. "Some of them come in, walk across the room diagonally to where I am standing and do not even look up at the art. Some of them laugh when I ask them to look at the work which is being made now, some of them hang their heads. Tourists are going to the Tate just because it's here, but they must realise that St Ives is not a cultural version of Blackpool."

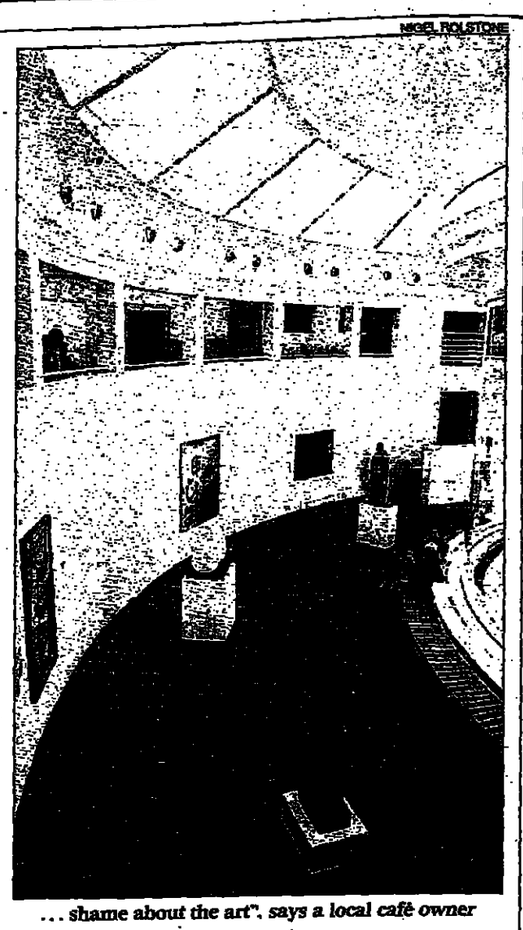
The new Tate has been an undoubted success in terms of visitors, attracting more than 1,000 viewers a day. Michael Toobey, the curator, said that many were coming "to see what all the fuss was about", while others were genuinely interested. More than 70 per cent of those who have completed comment forms at the end of their tours have done so in positive terms, Mr Toobey said.

"We have never sought to say that we represent all Cornish art. And in the future we want to see all artists working in and around St Ives exhibited. That is what will keep the gallery alive."



The verdict of visitors to the new gallery at St Ives is "Lovely building . . .

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56	59	2,283	3,588	4,892
57	60	2,165	3,402	4,639
58	61	2,047	3,217	4,386
59	62	1,929	3,031	4,133
60	63	1,811	2,845	3,880
61	64	1,729	2,716	3,703
62	65	1,646	2,586	3,527
63	66	1,564	2,457	3,350
64	67	1,481	2,328	3,174
65	68	1,399	2,198	2,997
66	69	1,317	2,086	2,855
67	70	1,235	1,974	2,713
68	71	1,154	1,862	2,570
69	72	1,072	1,750	2,428
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Theatre grant seen as Arts Council censure

BY OUR ARTS REPORTER

COVENTRY'S Belgrade Theatre, one of the regional theatres threatened with withdrawal of its Arts Council subsidy, received a large government grant for building restoration yesterday. The move was seen as indicating disapproval by the Department of National Heritage for the council's drama policy.

The Belgrade will receive £175,000 direct from the heritage department to extend backstage facilities and build a full-size rehearsal room. If the theatre were to lose its £460,500 Arts Council grant it would have to scale down its work and the rehearsal room would not be needed.

The Arts Council drama panel will meet next week to consider a package of cuts to regional theatres. A hit list of ten theatres, which has already caused controversy within the council and is thought to include the Belgrade, will be examined.

One insider said that the grant to the Belgrade exemplified "the right hand not knowing what the left is doing. This smacks of the incompetence within the funding system."

Announcing £2 million worth of grants to restore theatre buildings, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, said the buildings were an important part of the heritage. "British drama is second to none. These awards will enable our historic theatres, as well as those which have been built more recently, to carry out what is in some cases urgent repair work and renovation."

Mr Brooke is thought to be angry at the Arts Council's recent funding decisions giving contemporary dance priority over regional drama.

Postal clerk invented title to disguise thefts

A NORWICH Union clerk lived the high life with nearly £100,000 he stole from the insurance company, telling colleagues he was a baronet who had inherited £20 million.

Andrew Marynissen, 26, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, who was jailed for two and a half years by Norwich Crown Court yesterday, took friends on a weekend to Paris, bought a new BMW, a Jaguar and other cars and regularly footed restaurant and drinks bills. He even bought Norwich Union Football Club a new playing strip with money he had stolen.

Stephen Spence, for the prosecution, said: "Nobody thought there was anything suspicious. He explained his riches by saying he had a wealthy relative in the racing industry who had left him several million." In fact, Marynissen, who admitted two charges of theft and one of forgery, had devised a scheme to fiddle expenses and make false claims over 14 months.

He was given cash sums, usually for a few hundred pounds, by the cashiers, after telling them the money was to pay a supplier of magazines and periodicals. He charged the payments to different Norwich Union departments.

Mr Spence said: "Very little checking went on." Marynissen was found out when the periodical suppliers contacted Norwich Union.

Guy Ayers, for the defence, said Marynissen, a father of two who gambled on horses, had tried to buy friends.

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Curriculum redesigned to appease school unions

By Ben Preston, Education Reporter

RADICAL plans to create a two-tier school curriculum that focuses on the basics of mathematics and English will be unveiled by the government's top education adviser on Monday.

Sir Ron Dearing will detail a series of options to slim the compulsory content of lessons and reduce the burden of national tests in an attempt to settle the dispute with teaching unions.

His interim report on the review of the national curriculum and testing in England and Wales will give priority to the three Rs as the key to raising standards in schools.

A colleague of Sir Ron said he was left trying to square a circle. "On the one hand he has to solve an industrial dispute which threatens the future of curriculum and testing by winning teachers' cooperation; on the other, he believes the system is underperforming and he must secure tests which challenge the profession's autonomy."

Science is expected to be dropped from next summer's national tests for seven-year-olds, which will be limited to reading, spelling and numbers. Instead, teachers will assess pupils' classwork.

Greater flexibility will be suggested for pupils aged 14-16, with subjects such as history, geography and technology down-graded. This would allow more space in school timetables for pupils to study classics, a second modern language and vocational subjects alongside a compulsory core of English, mathematics, science and, possibly, a modern foreign language.

The reform package will be couched in broad terms, setting out choices to avoid confrontation with teachers before a final report in December.

Sir Ron will will answer the profession's complaints about overload by limiting to 75 per cent the classroom time that must be spent on the ten national curriculum subjects at secondary level and nine in primary schools.

The foundation subjects — history, geography, modern languages, technology, art music and PE — are likely to be stripped back to a core of about 60 per cent of each course. But the core subjects of mathematics, English and science will be more prescriptive, with the content of at least 80 per cent of lessons detailed. This reflects concern that the original curriculum was too broadly based and neglected the basics.

Ministers are relying on the review to take the sting out of their dispute with teaching unions over testing, while safeguarding key policies including league tables of school results. Sir Ron is expected to drop technology tests for 14-year-olds and the English anthology paper and suggest external markers are brought in to lighten teachers' work load.

In a controversial move, he is expected to float the option of incorporating teachers' internal assessment of coursework in published league tables. This would face bitter opposition from right-wingers anxious that teachers should not be allowed to influence published results.

The future of the ten-level scale used to measure pupils' progress from five to 16 has not been decided.

Sex abuse teacher is jailed

A SUPPLY teacher who locked three five-year-old girls in a room and subjected them to "appalling" sexual ordeals was jailed for five years yesterday.

John Eames, 44, appeared in Southwark Crown Court, south London, with his head heavily bandaged after being badly beaten by a roomful of prisoners at Brixton prison yesterday morning.

Eames, of Dagenham, Essex, committed the offences while working at a temporary post he was able to obtain despite having a 20-year-old conviction for exposing himself. He was found guilty on Monday of five charges of committing acts of gross indecency with or towards a child under 14 years of age.

Judge Rivlin QC told Eames, who is married, that he had committed appalling indecency. His conduct was "distressing and revolting" and had had a profound effect on his young victims, although it was to be hoped they would eventually recover, the judge said.

Eames said in court that the oldest of the girls invented her account and made smaller children go along with it because he once accidentally struck her.

TV cameras cut crime in towns

SURVEILLANCE cameras have led to falls in town centre crime of up to 75 per cent, the Association of District Councils said yesterday.

Closed-circuit television systems are in use in about 15 centres and councils are now being asked by residents to install them on housing estates and near sheltered accommodation.

Chief Inspector Graeme Pearson of Strathclyde police said reported incidents of crime in Aidrie town centre dropped from 2,018 to 590 in the first eight months after installation. "As soon as a suspicious incident is detected on camera, police are informed by the control room, and can be at the scene within minutes."

The systems are linked to a central control room which is manned 24 hours a day, usually by a private security firm, and can either be set up by police or local authorities. One of the largest systems in use is in Northampton, which has installed 96 cameras. The council's Labour leader John Dickie said: "Not one person has complained that they feel it is an invasion of privacy. They are pleased about it, because it makes them feel safer."

Boys fail to get a nibble for Nessie

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE annual hunt for the Loch Ness monster is moving into high gear led by a team of British scientists, a cable television station, dedicated monster hunters and numerous locals.

But the real excitement centres on two schoolboys who claim to have sighted the monster — and photographed her.

Andrew Wallace, 14, and Miles Dillon, 16, had spent two nights camping on the shores of Loch Ness with cameras and video equipment. At 7.30am on Wednesday morning she apparently swam along the loch at speed, doubled back, dived under the water and did a roll.

"It was light brown with one big hump and a small head and left a huge wake," Andrew said. "It was just under half a mile away and it was pretty big." Unfortunately the batteries in their video camera ran out at the crucial moment. Yesterday they were subjected to questioning by journalists in the Loch Ness Monster Centre at Drumnadrochit. They stuck by their story but the expected auction for the photographs was a disappointment.

Adrian Shine, a Nessie expert from the centre, said of the photographs: "They do show something move on the surface of Loch Ness. What you are really seeing is the wake. It is impossible to say what that something is prior to examining the negatives and even then there is no guarantee of deducing what it is".

He is fairly certain that the boys are not pulling the latest in a series of monster hoaxes. "I am pretty certain that the photographs were taken at the time the boys said and that their experience is probably genuine enough. I have offered to examine the negatives".

PETER TREVNOR



Trouble at mill: foreman Ron Jefford inspects House Mill, which still needs work estimated at £2 million

Tide turns for giant among gin mills

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

ONE of the most powerful tidal mills ever built and a building with a long and colourful history opens to the public today, after three years of restoration.

For the first time since before the second world war, when it ground its last cereals for gin making, visitors to House Mill at Stratford, east London, built in 1776, will get a glimpse of a wooden architecture echoing Nelson's flagship, Victory. The mill still sports giant millstones and water wheels, some of which stand 20ft high.

Brian Daubney, project consultant to the Lower Lea Tidal Mill Trust, said yesterday: "Most tidal mills tended to produce five or ten horsepower but this produced 150 horsepower. Its huge wheels were at the point where the Thames pushes back the River Lea and you could impound 57 acres of water.

"When the tide goes out you were not just getting the down-flow but also the pressure of the Lea behind. It meant you could run for eight hours a day," he said. The history of the mill, whose present structure straddles the Medieval and early industrial eras, dates back to the Romans.

The area is mentioned in the Doomsday Book as supporting nine mills which, according to Mr Daubney, were almost certainly of Roman construction. The invaders had the necessary technology, lacked by the Anglo-Saxons.

Since 1989, when restoration began, the trust, with help from bodies such as Newham Council, English Heritage and the Passmore Edwards Museum as well as firms such as Bass Charrington, have been battling to raise funds.

Mark Newland-Smith, project manager, said yesterday that by September, when phase two is completed, £1 million will have been spent, much of which has been given by the European Community under a regional structural fund, and by the environment department's City Challenge scheme. A further £2 million is required if the building is to be fully restored.

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Judges thwart Rees-Mogg's assault on Maastricht

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THREE High Court judges yesterday clearly and unanimously rejected Lord Rees-Mogg's contention that the government cannot lawfully ratify the Maastricht treaty because Parliament has not approved the social protocol.

In a 35-minute judgment, they accused Lord Rees-Mogg of exaggeration in claiming that the issue was the most important constitutional case for 300 years and ordered him to pay costs, estimated at hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Lord Rees-Mogg said afterwards that he would read the 22-page judgment carefully before deciding whether to appeal. A provisional date of August 9 has been set, but he will have to hold discussions with his wealthy backers after the clear and unanimous judgment.

In front of a packed court, Lord Justice Lloyd, the presiding judge, who was sitting with Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld, swept aside Lord Rees-Mogg's three objections to the government's handling of the Maastricht treaty which were outlined on Monday by David Pannick QC.

He had argued that by ratifying the treaty, the government would be in breach of section 6 of the 1978 European Parliamentary Elections Act, because the social protocol would increase the powers of the European parliament. Mr Pannick said that although the treaty had been approved by Parliament, that did not include the protocols, because they had been annexed to it. Lord Justice Lloyd said: "The protocols here are ancillary or incidental or supplementary to the provisions of the treaty, and ... ratification ... will automatically involve ratification of the protocols." He said that if Mr Pannick was correct, all the protocols would have been "left hanging in the air".

"Without being able to ratify the protocols, the United Kingdom would have been unable to ratify the treaty, and the whole exercise on which Parliament was engaged would have been reduced to futility," the judge said.

In his second point, Mr Pannick said the government had no lawful prerogative to ratify the social protocol because it would alter the Treaty of Rome which, as a fundamental part of domestic law, required parliamentary approval. Lord Justice Lloyd said that he could not accept such a far-reaching argument. "In our view, this possible indirect effect on domestic law is far too slender a basis on which to hold that Parliament has impliedly excluded or curtailed the Crown's prerogative to alter or add to the Treaty of Rome."

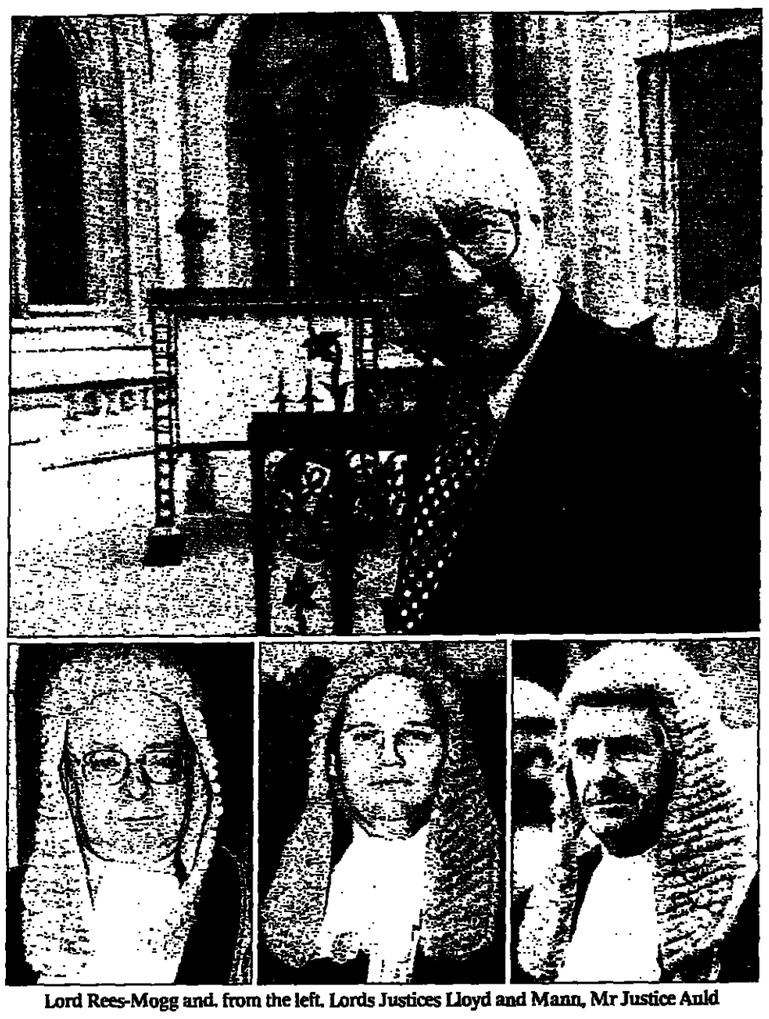
In his final point, Mr Pannick said that the Crown had no lawful prerogative to transfer elements of Britain's foreign and security policy to the European Community. Lord Justice Lloyd described this as the most interesting of Mr Pannick's arguments, but the weakest. The judges agreed with Sydney Kentridge QC, counsel for Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, who had argued that far from transferring prerogative powers, the Crown was exercising those powers. "So far as we know, nobody has ever suggested that the charter of the United Nations, for example, or of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, involves a transfer of prerogative powers." Lord Justice Lloyd said. "In the last resort ... it would presumably be open to the government to denounce the treaty."

Overshadowing yesterday's judgment was the recent warning by the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, that the courts must not interfere with Parliament's handling of the treaty. Lord Justice Lloyd said the issues of the case were within the sphere of judicial review, "as questions of policy are within the sphere of Parliament".

Speaking from France, Lord Rees-Mogg said yesterday: "I think that very important points have come out in the case. The emphatic statement by the government's counsel that there could be no reduction in prerogative powers was very important."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: "We are pleased by the decision. We have made clear that the ratification would take place once court proceedings have been concluded."

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Lord Rees-Mogg and, from the left, Lords Justices Lloyd and Mann, Mr Justice Auld

Law Report July 31 1993 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

No breach in ratifying treaty

Regina v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Ex parte Rees-Mogg

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment July 30]

The government would not be in breach of section 6 of the European Parliamentary Election Act 1978 in ratifying the Maastricht Treaty nor would it be altering the content of European Community law without parliamentary approval. Ratification would involve an exercise of the Royal prerogative, not a transfer of that prerogative without parliamentary approval.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application by Lord Rees-Mogg, of Hinton Blewitt, for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to proceed with the ratification of the Treaty on European Union signed at Maastricht on February 7, 1992 and the protocols adopted on that date upon the passage into law of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

Section 6 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 provides:

"(1) No treaty which provides for any increase in the powers of the European Parliament shall be ratified by the United Kingdom unless it has been approved by an Act of Parliament.

"(2) In this section 'treaty' includes any international agreement, and any protocol or annex to a treaty or international agreement."

Section 1 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993 provides:

"(1) In section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, in the definition of 'the treaties' and 'the European treaties', after paragraph (j) ... there shall be inserted the words 'and (k) Titles II, III and IV of the Treaty on European Union signed at Maastricht on February 7, 1992, together with the other provisions of the treaty so far as they relate to those titles, and the protocols adopted at Maastricht on that date and annexed to the treaty establishing the European Community with the exception of the protocol on social policy ...

"(2) For the purpose of section 6 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (approval of treaties increasing the parliament's powers) the Treaty on European Union signed at Maastricht on February 7, 1992 is approved."

Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 provides:

"(1) All such rights, powers, liabilities, obligations and restrictions from time to time created or arising by or under the treaties, and all such remedies and procedures from time to time provided for by or under the treaties ... are without further enactment to be given legal effect ... in the United Kingdom ..."

Mr David Pannick, QC, Mr Keith Lindblom, Mr Rhodri Thompson and Mr Jeremy Cahman for the applicant: Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, Mr Stephen Richards and Mr David Anderson for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD, delivering the judgment of the court, said Lord Rees-Mogg sought, *inter alia*, a declaration that the United Kingdom could not lawfully ratify the Maastricht Treaty.

On his behalf, Mr Pannick had argued:

1 That by ratifying the protocol on social policy the United Kingdom government would be in breach of section 6 of the 1978 Act:

2 That by ratifying the protocol the government would be altering the content of Community law without parliamentary approval and

3 That by ratifying Title V of the treaty the government would be transferring part of the Royal prerogative to Community institutions without statutory authority, namely the power to conduct foreign and security policy.

Their Lordships had heard nothing to support or even suggest that by bringing the proceedings the applicant had trespassed on the privileges of Parliament contrary to article 9 of the Bill of Rights 1688.

They had been concerned solely with the legality of government actions and intentions. The issues in the case were as clearly within the proper sphere of judicial review as questions of policy were within the sphere of Parliament.

Their Lordships did not doubt that the questions they were asked to decide in the case were of great moment because of the consequences either way. But it was in their view an exaggeration to describe the case as the most important constitutional case for 300 years. The first of Mr Pannick's arguments turned on a narrow question of construction, as to which there was a ready answer. Mr Pannick had submitted that section 1(2) of the 1993 Act did not approve the protocol on social policy which was specifically excluded from the operation of section 1(1) of the Act.

Mr Kentridge had accepted that the protocol might increase the powers of the European Parliament. But he had submitted that section 1(2) of the Act contained a clear and unambiguous approval of the union treaty as a whole, including all the protocols.

Mr Pannick had submitted that the protocol on social policy could not be a part of the union treaty because the final act of the treaty expressly annexed the first 16 of its 17 protocols to the Treaty of Rome which established the European Community.

The court would hesitate long before holding on the internal evidence of the treaty texts that the protocols were not intended to be part of the union treaty. The arguments the other way were much stronger.

Instruments of ratification of the Maastricht Treaty already lodged by France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, The Netherlands and Denmark contained no reference to the protocols. They simply ratified the treaty as her Majesty's government intended to do.

The fact that the protocols were annexed to the Treaty of Rome did not show that they were not also part of the union treaty. In their Lordships' view the protocols were ancillary or incidental or supplementary to the provisions of the treaty and the ratification of the treaty would automatically involve ratification of the protocols.

On the construction of the 1993 Act Mr Pannick had argued that "Treaty on European Union" in section 1(2) had to mean the treaty without the protocols, because that was the meaning it bore in section 1(1).

But the purposes of the two subsections were quite different. The purpose of section 1(1) was to incorporate certain parts of the union treaty in English domestic law. The purpose of section 1(2) was to ensure that the treaty as a whole, including the protocols, could be ratified by the United Kingdom without breach of the 1978 Act.

If Mr Pannick's argument were correct, then all the protocols would have been left hanging in the air. Without being able to ratify the protocols, the United Kingdom would have been unable to ratify the treaty and the whole exercise on which Parliament was engaged would have been reduced to futility.

What would have been the point of incorporating all the protocols in English domestic law, save only the social protocol, unless it was intended by Parliament that the protocols should be approved for ratification?

The words "the treaty" in section 1(2) could not bear the narrow meaning for which Mr Pannick contended. It must, and did, include all the titles, all the protocols and all the declarations.

The second of Mr Pannick's arguments involved a submission that by ratifying the protocol on social policy the government would be altering Community law under the Treaty of Rome. Community law, he had said, was now the fundamental law of the United Kingdom. It was axiomatic that Parliament alone could change the law.

If the protocol on social policy was ratified by all member states, it would become part of the Treaty of Rome, which was one of the treaties given legal effect without further enactment by section 2(1) of the 1972 Act and would have effect on the domestic as well as the international plane.

Mr Pannick had submitted that by enacting section 2(1), Parliament by necessary implication must have intended to curtail the prerogative power to amend or add to the Treaty of Rome.

The court was unable to accept that far-reaching argument. When Parliament intended to fetter the Crown's treaty-making power it did so in express terms, such as were to be found in section 6 of the 1978 Act. Had the Crown's treaty-making power been impliedly excluded by section 2(1) of the 1972 Act, section 6 of the 1978 Act would not have been necessary.

The protocol on social policy itself made clear that it was not intended to apply to the United Kingdom. Nor was the United Kingdom party to the agreement which was annexed to the protocol.

The United Kingdom's agreement to authorise the other eleven member states to have recourse to the Community institutions for the purpose of giving effect to the agreement on the social protocol was an obligation on the international plane, not the domestic plane.

Mr Pannick had argued that the protocol might have an indirect effect on domestic law, because some of the matters covered by the agreement were covered elsewhere in Community law. That was far too slender a basis on which to hold that Parliament had impliedly excluded or curtailed the Crown's prerogative to alter or add to the Treaty of Rome.

The last of Mr Pannick's arguments was the most interesting jurisprudentially, but it was also the weakest. Title V of the union treaty established a common foreign and security policy among member states. It was an intergovernmental agreement which could have no impact on United Kingdom domestic law.

Mr Pannick said that by English common law, the Crown was incapable of abandoning, or transferring any of its ancient prerogative powers, without statutory enactment. He submitted that the effect of Title V of the union treaty would be that the Crown had transferred its prerogative power in relation to foreign policy, security and ultimately defence to the European Council without statutory authority.

Mr Kentridge's first answer was that the questions raised under that head were simply not justiciable in the English courts following *Blackburn v Attorney-General* ([1971] 1 WLR 1037), an authority confirmed by the House of Lords in *J. H. Rayner (Mincing Lane) Ltd v Department of Trade and Industry* ([1990] 2 AC 418).

It would be possible for their Lordships to accept that argument, and leave it at that. But Mr Pannick had pointed out in reply that the principle of non-justiciability was not universal and absolute; that there were exceptions was clear from section 6 of the 1978 Act.

The court would assume that it was entitled to consider the questions raised by Mr Pannick and that the government could not lawfully transfer any part of the Crown's prerogative powers in relation to foreign affairs without parliamentary approval.

But Title V could not be read as a transfer of prerogative powers. It was an exercise of those powers. So far as their Lordships knew, nobody had ever suggested that the Charter of the United Nations or of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation involved a transfer of prerogative powers. Title V should be read in the same light.

In the last resort, as had been pointed out in argument, it would presumably be open to the government to denounce the treaty or at least to fail to comply with its international obligations under Title V.

Their Lordships rejected Mr Pannick's third argument either on the ground that the questions raised were not justiciable or that if they were it failed on the merits.

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£10,000-£24,999	4.50%	3.38%
£25,000-£49,999	5.20%	3.90%
£50,000+	5.50%	4.13%

NEW RATES FOR ACCOUNTS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Nationwide Discontinued Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
One Year Bond	£1,000-£2,999	5.00%	3.60%
	£3,000-£4,999	5.00%	4.15%
	£5,000-£9,999	6.25%	4.75%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.75%	5.06%
	£50,000+	7.00%	5.25%
Capitalbond Issue	£10,000+	7.00%	5.25%
InvestReserve	£1-£1,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£2,000-£4,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£5,000-£9,999	5.50%	4.13%
	£10,000-£24,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£50,000+	6.50%	4.88%
Capitalbond '92	£1,000+	6.50%	4.88%
Capitalbond '93	£1,000+	6.50%	4.88%
PremierBond	£1,000-£2,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£3,000-£9,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£10,000-£24,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£25,000-£49,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£50,000+	6.00%	4.50%
ClassicBond	£1,000-£2,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£3,000-£9,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£10,000-£24,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£25,000-£49,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£50,000+	6.00%	4.50%
PrestigeBond Plus	£1,000-£2,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£3,000-£9,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£10,000-£24,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.00%	4.50%
	£50,000+	6.00%	4.50%
ClassicBond Plus	£1,000-£2,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£3,000-£9,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£10,000-£24,999	5.00%	3.75%
	£25,000-£49,999	6.00%	4.50%
	£50,000+	6.00%	4.50%

Nationwide Anglia - Discontinued TESSA Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Tax Free p.a.	Net p.a.
TESSA Bond	£3,000-£9,000	6.50%	4.88%
Bond & Linked	£3,000-£9,000	6.50%	4.88%
Monthly Option	£3,000-£9,000	6.50%*	4.88%*

Nationwide Anglia - Discontinued TESSA Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Tax Free p.a.	Net p.a.
TESSA	£25-£2,999	6.50%	4.88%
Flexible Savings	£3,000-£4,799	6.50%	4.88%
	£4,800-£6,599	6.50%	4.88%
	£6,600-£8,399	6.50%	4.88%
	£8,400-£9,000	6.50%	4.88%

Nationwide Anglia - Other Discontinued Accounts

Account Name	Balance	Gross p.a.	Net p.a.
Home Builder	£1-£499	0.50%	0.38%
	£500-£4,999	2.00%	1.50%
	£5,000-£9,999	3.50%	2.63%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.50%	3.38%
	£25,000+	5.20%	3.90%
Capitalbond '91	£500-£1,999	2.00%	1.50%
	£2,000-£4,999	3.50%	2.63%
	£5,000-£9,999	4.50%	3.38%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.70%	3.53%
	£25,000+	5.20%	3.90%
Capitalbond '90	£500-£1,999	2.00%	1.50%
	£2,000-£4,999	3.50%	2.63%
	£5,000-£9,999	4.50%	3.38%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.70%	3.53%
	£25,000+	5.20%	3.90%
Capitalbond '89	£500-£1,999	2.00%	1.50%
Monthly Income	£2,000-£4,999	3.50%*	2.63%*
	£5,000-£9,999	4.50%*	3.38%*
	£10,000-£24,999	4.70%*	3.53%*
	£25,000+	5.20%*	3.90%*
Investaccount	£1-£499	0.50%	0.38%
	£500-£4,999	1.00%	0.75%
	£5,000-£9,999	2.00%	1.50%
	£10,000-£24,999	3.00%	2.25%
	£25,000+	4.00%	3.00%
Income Option Account	£1-£499	0.50%	0.38%
	£500-£4,999	1.00%	0.75%
	£5,000-£9,999	2.00%	1.50%
	£10,000-£24,999	3.00%	2.25%
	£25,000+	4.00%	3.00%
Income Option 90 Plus	£500-£2,999	3.00%	2.25%
	£3,000-£9,999	4.00%	3.00%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.50%	3.38%
	£25,000+	5.00%	3.75%
Income Option 90 Bond	£500-£2,999	3.00%	2.25%
	£3,000-£9,999	4.00%	3.00%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.50%	3.38%
	£25,000+	5.00%	3.75%

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Judge jails 'nice' raider

Polite armed robber Kevin Lewis, who always said please and thank you and paid compliments while raiding 13 betting shops to fund a gambling habit, was jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday for nine years. Lewis, 29, of Sudbury, northwest London, told cashiers: "Don't worry, my love, I'm a nice guy."

Thomas jailed

Former Welsh soccer player Mickey Thomas, 39, of Mochdre, Clwyd, was jailed for 18 months at Warrington Crown Court for his part in a the supply of counterfeit money to apprentices at Wrexham Football Club.

Faithful dead

A horse sanctuary near Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, is offering people the chance to be buried with their pets. One couple have applied to be buried with their pigs.

Wheelchair lift

Three paraplegic climbers in wheelchairs were airlifted off the top of Ben Nevis.

Karaoke singer jailed for attack

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A KARAOKE singer who attacked a disc jockey with a machete at a christening party after the DJ refused to let him do one last song was jailed for eight years yesterday.

Clinton Joseph Rowe, 21, a professional singer whose recording of *It's a Wonderful World* was released last year, hit Steven Nicholas as he tried to pack away his equipment. Rowe, of Brixton, south London, was convicted of attempted murder after an Old Bailey jury was told how the attack had destroyed the use of Mr Nicholas's right hand and left him partially paralysed on one side and prone to fits.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Blofeld described the assault as a very grave offence. He accepted Rowe had a talent for singing and said the eight-year sentence took into account his youth.

During the trial Mr Nicholas said that there was dancing and everybody was enjoying themselves at the party in Brixton on December 14 last year. At about midnight, his colleague told him that Rowe wanted the last song played again so that he could sing along over the microphone.

When that was refused Rowe knocked his sound equipment over. Mr Nicholas said he grabbed Rowe and tried to haul him back into the room as he tried to run off. "He was sniggering. I said: 'Suppose you had blown up the set?' He said: 'I don't care.'

Mr Nicholas said that later when he was loading his van, Rowe walked up to him and butted him in the forehead. "Then I was chopped on the head. It felt like someone hit me with a piece of wood." He ran to a passage by the house. "As I fell down I got chopped again on the head. And from there I remember nothing."

Mr Justice Blofeld also jailed Rowe for three years, to run concurrently, for a robbery in Be..nham, southeast London, on June 23 last year. The attack on Mr Nicholas was committed while Rowe was on bail.

The court was told that Rowe had several previous convictions.

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Churches use raves to lure back young

BY JENNAI COX AND DUNCAN HAMILTON

■ Young evangelical groups are touring the country trying to turn their peers away from drugs and towards Christianity

EVANGELICAL Christian groups are attending "raves" in an attempt to turn young people off drugs and on to Christianity. Others are organising raves to counter the belief that youth and Christianity cannot mix.

One bishop has spent an evening at a nightclub as part of a nationwide effort to help youngsters into church and the Salvation Army has helped organise a rave-style event, "Rock the Flock", in Croydon, south London, tonight.

A team drawn from evangelical churches and a bible college is travelling the country manning so-called "chill-out" areas within raves where revellers rest before carrying on with their all-night party.

Young Christians are attending the raves, nightclubs and pop concerts to "save" their peers. They encourage youngsters to seek "joy in the Lord" rather than in drugs such as Ecstasy.

Gary Guelich, an evangelist who attended a recent event, said: "We want to show the love of Christ to the kids on drugs. We try to tell the kids that there is a future without drugs. Some burst into tears, others tell us to go away with impolite words."

The Right Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, spent the night at one of the city's nightclubs. He wore his episcopal purple and dog collar and found the club "stiflingly hot". He said: "I did not dance at all, I was there until 2am, talking to young people. They thought it extremely peculiar, having a bishop in a nightclub.

"A group of Christians work there on a voluntary basis, from Norwich Youth for Christ. They went in originally with grudging permission, but are now completely accepted. They don't grab people by the lapels and preach. They are there if people have problems and need help. Young people, like the Church of England, get a bad press. But it is only a minority which gives their generation a bad name."

Youth for Christ sent 56 evangelists to the Glastonbury Festival last year. Wendy Beach, a spokeswoman, said: "The philosophy is to provoke a response by lifestyle, to show yourself to be alternative. The 1990s is all about making the good news relevant to young people. The church is wising up to the fact that young people matter."

Mark Markiewicz, administrator of Youth With a Mission, which runs Christian raves, said 300 young people were leaving the churches each week. "Once they reach the age of 13 they have their own culture and ethos. The church is missing out on all that."

Colin Bennet, director of youth and community studies at Moorlands, a college for evangelists in Dorset, who coordinates Christian teams attending all-night events, said: "One raver said to me 'this is church', and I suppose a rave is a kind of religion to them. You have the DJs like gods calling everyone to worship. The dancers could be angels. Even the way people dance with everyone putting their hands in the air looks like a spiritual experience.

"Young people tend not to have thought about Christianity since they were at school singing hymns and there aren't many who have seen Christians their own age. We want to present Christianity in a relevant light."

The Right Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, said: "It is very good to know that there are young Christian people who are prepared to show their faith in this way."

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Saint who loved one-liners

Credo

Richard Harries

The Church of England keeps July 29 as a memorial to William Wilberforce, who died on that date in 1833. He was born with many advantages. His family became rich from trade to the Baltic. He was a born orator. "Of all the men I know," said his friend Pitt, "Wilberforce has the greatest natural eloquence."

Above all, he had charm. People spoke of his vivacity, his delight in little things. "I have always heard," said the French writer Madame de Staël, "that he was the most religious, but now I find he is the wittiest, man in England." Wilberforce once told a missionary meeting that he had had a dream that he was in hell. "It was just like here," he added, almost to himself. "I could not get near the fire for parsons."

Wilberforce had a love of pleasure and with his abilities could have done almost anything he wanted with his life. He was converted to a more serious and personal understandiag of Christianity and, instead of a life of pleasure, he chose public service; instead of great office, he chose a great cause. He gave his life, first to the abolition of the slave traffic and then to the abolition of slavery in the British empire. The vested interests were large, the opposition formidable, but three days before he died word came that his life's work had succeeded.

Inevitably, during this century Wilberforce's reputation has fluctuated. Historians have accused him of supporting liberal causes abroad and opposing them at home; they have pointed to economic rather than moral factors as the determining cause in the abolition of slavery.

Yet as a biographer, Ian Bradley, has written: "It is still the saintliness of Wilberforce that shines out . . . a life full of fun and gaiety and never over-pious or sanctimonious." There is still enough goodness in his character to think of him, as his contemporaries did, as "The Saint".

Wilberforce challenges a number of modern stereotypes. He shows that evangelical spirituality, far from being cold or austere, can be warm and winning. Second, he shows that evangelicals are not committed to the political status quo.

Third, he shows that the personal and the political, far from being in opposition, need to be held together in the Christian life. Wilberforce knew that his intense personal conviction also needed political expression. Slavery was an affront to human beings made in the image of God and for whom Christ had died.

So it is in the modern world. From time to time the church will inescapably, with a profound moral passion, be drawn into the realm of politics. Sometimes, on some issues, this will be the only way of being true to the gospel and a sincere follower of Jesus Christ.

The Right Rev Richard Harries is Bishop of Oxford

Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Magazine, page 42

COLIN LANE



End of the line: two Cammell Laird apprentices take a last walk

Cammell Laird falls silent

BY RONALD FAUX

WITH sadness and without ceremony the Cammell Laird shipyard at Birkenhead closed yesterday and 165 unbroken years of shipbuilding on Merseyside came to an end. About 200 men arrived to pick up their last wage packets and belongings at a yard that in its heyday employed 16,000.

A great silence fell on the cranes, construction sheds and slipways down which generations of great warships and ocean liners have slid into the sea. It was here the second *Mauretania* was built, the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal*, completed in 1955, and the battleship *Rodney*, which could deliver a ten-ton broadside of exploding steel 20 miles. Later came the nuclear submarines, among them the *Conqueror*, which sank the *General Belgrano* in the Falklands war. The last vessel to be launched, the conventionally powered Upholder class submarine *Unicorn*, made its way down the Mersey last month.

Now part of the VSEL group, Cammell Laird will be moth-balled and guarded by security staff until a new future or a buyer can be found. The search for oil and gas in Liverpool Bay by Hamilton Oil was seen by some as a chance. But the lengthy enquiry into the plan for a terminal at Point of Ayr in North Wales has killed those hopes.

Anderson Mountford, 20, reflected yesterday on his apprenticeship. "When I came here first it was really exciting and bustling. It's a ghost town now. It was going to be a real career for me. Now I'll take any job I can get."

Customs stems new flow of EC drugs

BY A STAFF REPORTER

CUSTOMS officers have discovered significantly more drugs being smuggled into London airports from the European Community since the single market removed internal borders at the start of this year.

In the first six months of this year, officers at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted made 246 seizures of drugs with a street value of £1.2 million being smuggled on flights from EC airports.

A spokesman said: "This shows it is not a single market for drug smugglers. It shows our border controls are still effective. There may also have been an element of people trying it on to see if they could get away with it. The big message is not only are we still there but they will be caught."

In the financial year to April, drugs with a street value of £70.8 million were seized at the three airports, up from £57.2 million in 1991-2.

During 1992-3, officers made 1,637 seizures amounting to 2,829 kilos. The bulk of seizures of class A drugs, such as cocaine, heroin, LSD and ecstasy, were made at Heathrow with 260, compared with 162 at Gatwick and ten at Stansted. But different routes appear to be preferred for class B drugs, such as cannabis and amphetamines — 634 seizures at Gatwick, 508 at Heathrow and 63 at Stansted.

Cocaine topped the seizures table by almost double any other drug — hauls worth £17 million found at Heathrow and more than £8 million at both Gatwick and Stansted. Customs officers arrested 604 people, with the courts imposing a total of 1,633 years in jail sentences.

Other illegal imports were intercepted, including more than 7,000 rounds of ammunition as well as 590 guns and more than 100 gas sprays. Officers also seized more than 10,000 animals, including 240 from endangered species. More than 6,800 items of pornographic material was held, including 956 videos and 5,800 magazines.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Reader's game prize

TODAY I announce the first game-of-the-month prize for the best game submitted by a reader in July. Each month a book will go to the best game which will, of course, be published in this column. The July prize for the best reader's game goes to Nicholas Pert, 12, of Ipswich, Suffolk, for this impressive victory against the England number three Jonathan Speelman from a recent simultaneous display. I was particularly impressed by the way Nicholas outplayed Speelman in the opening and by his aggressive bishop sacrifice on move 24 which Speelman could not accept.

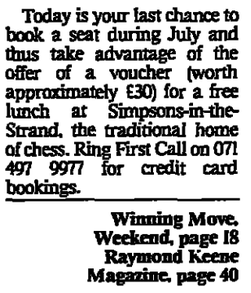
White: Jonathan Speelman
Black: Nicholas Pert
Simultaneous display, East Anglia, 1993

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	c5
4	c3	Nc6
5	Nf3	Bd7
6	Be2	f6
7	0-0	fxe5
8	dxe5	Qc7
9	Re1	0-0-0
10	Bf4	h6
11	Na3	a6
12	Nc2	g5
13	Bg3	Nge7
14	Bd3	Bg7
15	b4	c4
16	Bf1	Nf5
17	Ncd4	Nxg3
18	hxg3	Nxe5
19	Nxe5	Bxe5
20	a4	h5
21	b5	h4
22	g4	Rdf8
23	Ra2	Bh2+
24	Kh1	Bg3
25	Nxa6	Bxa6
26	Rxe6	Bd2
27	bxa6	Bg3
28	a7	Qa5
29	Be2	h3
30	Bf3	hxg2+
31	Kxg2	Rh2+
32	Kg1	Qxa7+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Britain's Michael Adams struggled in the early rounds of the FIDE Interzonal at Biel. Today's game was a welcome relief for him.

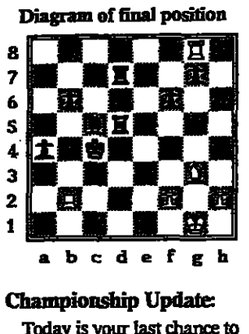
White: L Brunner
Black: Michael Adams
Biel FIDE Interzonal 1993

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Bxc6	dxc6
5	0-0	f6
6	d4	exd4
7	Nxd4	c5
8	Ne2	Qxd1
9	Rxd1	Bd7
10	Nbc3	0-0-0
11	Be3	b6
12	Rd2	Re8
13	Rad1	Bc6
14	Bf4	Ne7
15	g4	Ng6
16	Bg3	h5
17	gxh5	Rxh5
18	Nf4	Nxd4
19	Bxd4	c4
20	Bg3	Bc5
21	Nd5	Rxe4
22	Nxc7	Rg4
23	Rd8+	Kb7
24	Nd5	Rgg5
25	b4	cxb3
26	c4	bxa2
27	Ra1	Bxd5
28	cxd5	Rxd5
29	Rb8+	Ka7
30	Rxa2	a5
31	Re2	Rd7
32	Ree8	Ka6
33	Ra8+	Kb5
34	Re2	Rhd5
35	Rg8	a4
36	Rb2+	Kc4

White resigns

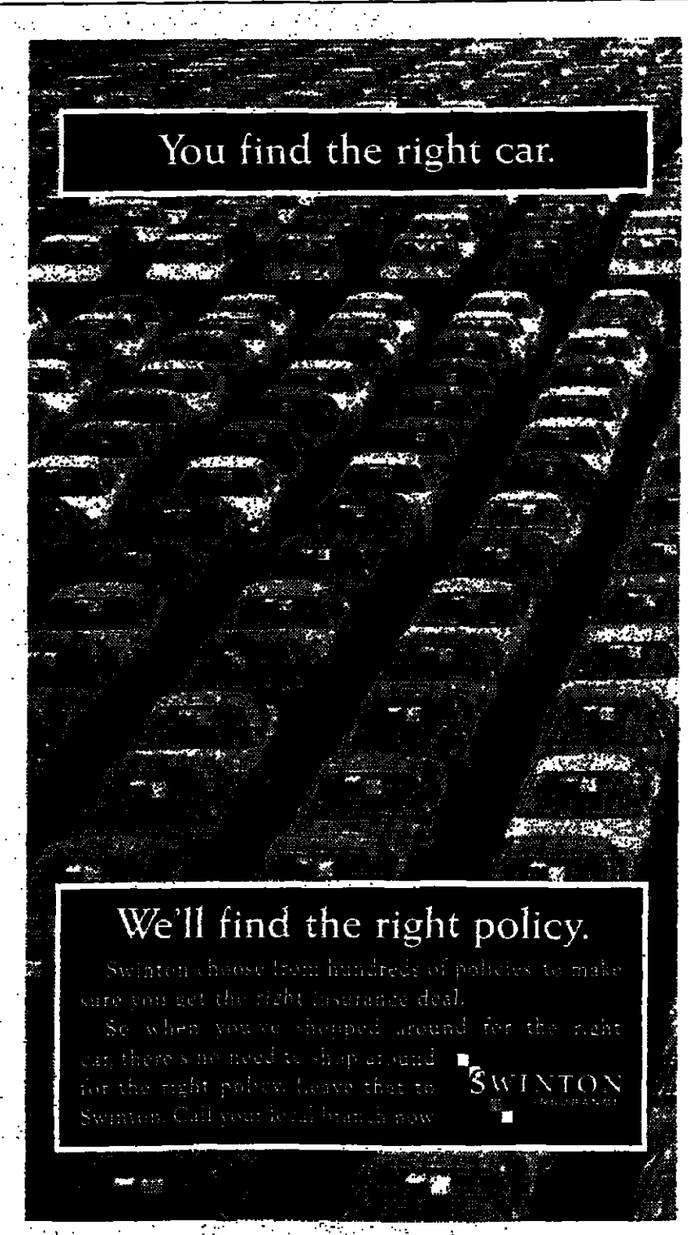
Diagram of final position



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THE DANUBE

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The Danube, like no other river, has influenced the flow of Central and Eastern European history, with contributions by the Romans, Celts, Thraks, Illyrics, Ottomans and others. Such diverse cultures in a comparatively small area has made for a fascinating and rich history.

The section of the River from Passau to Budapest is without doubt the scenically most attractive, particularly the Wachau Valley with its castles, wooded hills and rolling wine growing countryside.





THE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Fly London to Munich and drive to Passau (2 to 3 hours). Embark on MV Mozart in the afternoon and sail during tea.

DAY 2 Vienna Arrive in the morning for a 27 hour stay. Shore excursions will be available to the Palace of Schonbrunn, the Hofburg and St Stephens. Moor overnight in Vienna.

DAY 3 Vienna Morning in Vienna, sailing at lunch time for Bratislava. Late afternoon visit to the Slovak capital, with opportunity to see the impressive Fortress and Cathedral. Sail in the evening.

DAY 4 Budapest Arrive in the morning for a 24 hour visit to the twin cities of Buda and Pest. Explore independently or join an excursion to the Mathias Church, for centuries the scene of the coronation of the Kings of Hungary. Moor overnight.

DAY 5 Estergom Set sail in the morning for the Hungarian city of Estergom, arrive at lunch time. See the gigantic 19th century Cathedral, modelled on St Peters in Rome. Also visit the New Archbishops Palace museum.

DAY 6 Day sailing along the Danube arriving in the Wachau Valley in the afternoon. Visit the picturesque village of Krems in the heart of the wine growing region and moor overnight in the town of Duernstein.

DAY 7 Duernstein and Melk Explore the charming town of Duernstein on foot. The old town is delightful with its period houses with wonderful portals, inner courtyards and wine houses. Sail or take the excursion to Melk to see the most splendid baroque Benedictine Abbey. Afternoon sailing through captivating scenery.

DAY 8 Passau Arrive in the morning and disembark. Return to Munich for flight to London.

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Bosnians divided in rearguard action to improve peace deal

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN GENEVA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ The talks in Geneva have produced a formula for peace but the Muslims are still reluctant to sign. They see it as the Serb-Croat plan for partition by another name

BOSNIA peace negotiators struggled last night to keep the Muslims at the negotiating table in Geneva as the toll in the Bosnian battlefield continued to mount.

Seven died and 30 were wounded in Sarajevo yesterday as shells hit the Bosnian capital, while commanders of the three Bosnian armies met to discuss truce terms. The carnage came hours after a Spanish UN soldier died and 17 were wounded when their compound in southwest Bosnia came under attack.

First reports said the shelling of peacekeepers at Jablanica was conducted by Croat forces but may have been provoked by Muslim fighters deliberately moving into the area next to the Spanish base. In New York diplomats said the apparent Muslim tactic to draw incoming fire on to specific targets was not uncommon, something that could seriously complicate UN efforts to retaliate with air strikes against those who launch attacks on peacekeepers.

The assault came only five days after French forces in Sarajevo were attacked by Serb forces, an incident which provoked General Francis Briquemont, the UN commander in Bosnia, into threatening retaliation. Boutros Boutros Ghali, UN secretary-general, condemned the attack on the Spanish peacekeepers as a heinous crime and said it underlined the need for a political settlement to be reached at the Geneva talks. The Bosnia presidency was dangerously divided about a plan by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, co-chairmen of the talks, for a union of three "united republics" of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The bargaining descended into the realms of the bizarre when the title was amended to "union of constituent units", sources said.

The proposal, seen as effectively the Serb-Croat plan for a division along ethnic lines, provoked uproar in the delegation led by President Izetbegovic, the Muslim leader, and key amendments followed within hours. The presidency's delegation pounded tables and fretted into the early hours of yesterday morning at the President Hotel in a sweltering Geneva.

Mr Izetbegovic delayed the start of talks with Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg until after noon yesterday, as the presidency agonised over its position. Mr Izetbegovic initially declared he could not accept the new proposals although his prime minister, Mile Akmadzic, later said agreement could still be reached. Details of the Owen-Stoltenberg proposals emerged last night. The first draft referred to "three constituent peoples: the Muslims, Serbs and Croats, as well as a group of other peoples." However, the presidency insisted that ethnicity should not be the only basis on which borders should be decided, sources close to the talks said.

The draft proposals suggests a complex system of government which some lawyers here suggested could only work in the short term at best. There is also a clause which proposes that "ethnic cleansing" could be reversed — seen as well-nigh impossible by observers. The presidents of the three "units" would form a presidency and chairmanship of this would rotate every fourth month. The presidency would choose a prime minister "who shall be appointed and may be removed by the presidency". The draft has blank spaces on key points, particularly on who keeps what territory. There is also a section on disarming the combatants.

☐ **The Hague:** Bosnia's appeal to stop rump Yugoslavia from annexing it "by means of genocide" will be heard on August 25, the International Court of Justice said. *(AFP)*



Line of defence: Spanish UN soldiers reinforcing their base in Jablanica, southwest Bosnia, before a unit member was killed in shelling

US pins hopes on air strikes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON is this weekend seeking the backing of Nato, Russia and Congress to use air strikes to end the Serbs' siege of Sarajevo. The administration intends formally to announce the plan at the beginning of next week.

Britain and France have already agreed in principle to the strikes and officials from both countries have had talks here over the past two days to agree on precise political guidelines for a military intervention that will go well beyond protecting United Nations peacekeepers. The talks have focused primarily on how to use the strikes, or the threat of strikes, to achieve a political settlement of the Balkan conflict at the current peace talks in Geneva.

The CIA is said to believe that the Serbs, in pursuit of a "Greater Serbia", are on the brink of a complete triumph over Bosnia's Muslims. In the circumstances, the Clinton administration sees its top priority as ensuring the survival of a rump Bosnian state with Sarajevo as its capital.

The allies believed UN resolutions 770 and 836, which permit force to protect relief efforts and UN peacekeepers, give them wide latitude and all the authority they need to use force against the Serbs. Scores of US, British, French and Dutch warplanes are standing by in southern Italy and "spotters" to guide them will soon be in place in Bosnia.

The allies want to put maximum pressure on the Serbs to reach a genuine peace agreement without encouraging the Bosnian government to delay in the belief that the West is entering the war on its side. They hope to use the air strikes to stop the Serb advance on Sarajevo and permit the delivery of relief supplies while strictly limiting Nato's role to the protection of Bosnia's capital and other "safe areas".

"They have been talking about the nature and scale of the operation and how far it should go," a Washington source said. "A lot of undergrowth has been cleared away and is in the process of being cleared away ... Clinton will speak as soon as things are shipshape."



Krajina feuding threatens accord

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

WHILE talking peace over the carcass of Bosnia, Serbs and Croats are threatening each other with a new war in the disputed Krajina region. Croatian troops are to withdraw from areas of Krajina by today but Croatian officials are now saying that the deal worked out under United Nations auspices is off.

"If they do not pull out as they had agreed to do earlier without any preconditions, it would mean the beginning of a war," said Boro Martinovic, a senior Krajina official.

Cedric Thornberry, the deputy head of the UN in former Yugoslavia, said that negotiators were continuing to work to avert a new war. He said: "There are still three days to go so let us wait and see."

Under the terms of the agreement the Krajina Serbs allowed the Croats to reopen the only bridge linking north and south Croatia on July 18. The Serb condition was that Croatian forces withdraw from the area, which they recaptured from them last January. Serb police would then return to certain villages while the UN would control the rest.

The new Croat condition is that Serb forces disarm and give up their weapons to the UN before the Croats withdraw. Jure Radic, an aide to President Tudjman of Croatia said that unless the Serbs gave up their heavy weaponry the Croats would no longer feel obliged to pull out. Nikica Valentic, the Croatian prime minister, has said the same thing.

In 1991 Serb rebels backed by the Yugoslav Army seized almost a third of Croatia and declared their own Republic of Serbian Krajina. These areas are now so-called UN protected areas. The UN has made no progress in reintegrating Krajina into Croatia as it supposed to do.

The Croats argue that security council resolution 802, which demands their withdrawal from Krajina, also calls for a simultaneous disarming of the Serbs.

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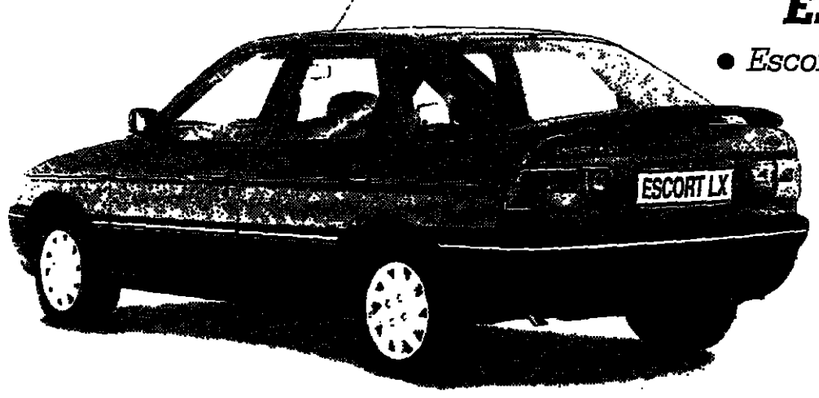
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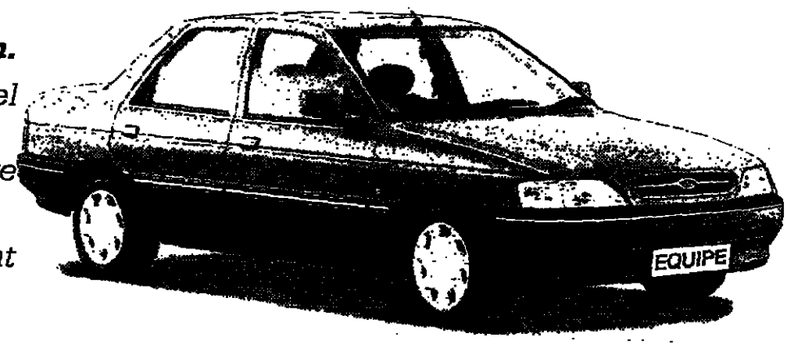
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Crumbling of ERM defences reveals Paris-Bonn weakness



Kohl: dare not tinker with bank's freedom

Storms blowing through the currency system have ruffled the once cosy Bonn-Paris partnership and clouded the prospects for eventual monetary union, writes ***George Brock****, European Editor*

IF THE European exchange-rate mechanism is pronounced dead this weekend, a varied cast of scapegoats will be blamed by European Community governments whose economic policies are liable to be turned upside down by its collapse. On the receiving end will be "Anglo-Saxon" speculators, "hedge-fund" managers in New York, and George Soros, the millionaire financier.

Few post-mortem examinations on the continent will be devoted to the most remarkable phenomenon revealed by the past few days: the increasingly painful strains in the relationship between Germany and France. Political discussion in both countries barely alludes to the fact that Europe has reached a postwar turning point because the Franco-German partnership is coming apart at the seams.

The ERM, created in the late 1970s, is being destroyed by the storms in the political marriage which the two countries entered after the second world war. Whatever happens to the ERM, the turbulence poses a stark question: are France and Germany split over the future shape of Europe?

The issue is muffled by the solicitous care with which the French and German political classes have cultivated a delicate alliance between two states which went to war with each other three times in a century, then founded the EC in the 1950s. Rarely do the two governments criticise each other, and then only in code. Until this week it was not politically correct for French journalists to express any feelings of betrayal at the German central bankers whose exchange-rate decisions are suffocating the French economy.

This week's trauma has begun to dissolve that reticence. Even then the carping was mainly directed at the stern monetary men at the Bundesbank in Frankfurt.

For more than 30 years, France, the Benelux countries and Italy have been seeking ways to tighten the web of economic integration around Germany. Jacques Delors, French president of the European Commission and architect of Maastricht's single- currency plan, crowned his efforts in December 1991 with a treaty which set 1999 as the latest date on which an inner core of EC states could merge their monies.

The scheme began to unravel as soon as ordinary voters digested its implications. Opinion polls find large majorities in Germany opposed to the loss of the deutschmark. Denmark's voters rejected the treaty, and the ERM began to reflect dealers' doubts that the Maastricht timetable was feasible. As last September's polls suggested that France might not ratify the treaty, a typhoon hit the currency grid and blew the British and Italian currencies right out.

Last February sources in Paris and Bonn suggested that, whatever happened to the rest of the ERM, France and Germany would stick together and, if necessary, form a snap monetary union. Prolonged instability in the markets, these sources argued, could be stopped only by so doing.

Returning from a trip to Bonn, René Monory, the veteran president of the French senate, announced that Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, wanted such a shotgun marriage of the franc and the mark within weeks. Although other currencies devalued, however, the franc-mark parity in the ERM survived.

Whispers of plans for instant monetary unions could still be heard this week, but only from French voices. A combination of strenuous opposition from the Bundesbank and a chilling of the German political climate has ensured that fast-track union plans strike no echo in Germany.

"I think that the French canvassed this idea earlier in the year and the Germans basically told them to forget it," said one source at the EC last night. With a German constitutional court case under way over Maastricht, Herr Kohl cannot risk tinkering with his central bank's independence. "Any messing with the mark now will only hand votes to the far right," one observer said.

If the ERM disintegrates, Germany will want to rebuild it. German exporters did well in the late 1980s by exploiting low inflation at home and steady currency convergence across northwest Europe. But the reconstruction will tell Europe whether there is anything left of the dream of economic and monetary union in this decade.

The Bundesbank likes a system of fixed but flexible rates: it is content to see currencies evolve towards union but not to be shoved there by politicians. French governments have endured the pain of ERM membership because at the end lies the great prize of shared control of Germany's economy. If that vision slips out of view, will Paris want to co-operate again?

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Anglo-Saxon enemy blamed as French battle to save franc

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS, COLIN NARBROUGH AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRENCH financial experts, who began the week playing down the chances of a collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism, said last night that the government must act at the weekend or it would prove impotent to halt a new massacre of the franc on Monday.

Their reaction came as the government lashed itself to the mast of the European monetary ship in a desperate attempt to ride out the hurricane which has been unleashed, as they see it, by British and American speculators and a German failure to come to the rescue of European unity.

While the franc was battered onto the floor of the ERM and the markets lusted after blood, Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist prime minister, kept up a serene front, saying that "the rules are working well — they are made for situations like this".

Asked how long the central bank could go on throwing billions of francs into the system, he said: "That depends on the willingness of one and all." His target was clearly Germany, which has sorely disappointed French leaders in its failure to drop its key rate on Thursday. President Mitterrand, more of an apostle of the federalist cause than M Balladur, was said by officials to have telephoned Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to convey his frustration over the Bundesbank's reluctance to put European unity ahead of its concern over reviving German inflation.

Behind the scenes, the sense of drama was palpable. M Balladur, who has staked his reputation on the strong franc, spent 40 minutes discussing strategy with President Mitterrand. Officials said they were determined to save the close franc-mark link which is the backbone of the European system, although many French market operators now deem struggle to be hopeless.

Finance officials were locked in sessions to find a way of easing the pressure on the French currency without bringing down the ERM and the surviving hopes of European union with it. Public action, including a possible realignment, was anticipated before markets re-open on Monday. While there was talk of broadening the ERM's bands, some French experts spoke hopefully of a surprise rate cut by the Bundesbank over the weekend which would trap those who have bet on a franc devaluation. Other experts said there was simply no alternative to smashing the existing currency mould. The Bank of France made it known that it was strongly opposed to withdrawing the franc from the ERM, a measure which the government sees a last resort which would hand victory to the speculators. Politicians and commentators mainly blamed what they called "Anglo-Saxon" speculators in London and New York, who, they say, are determined to destroy the goal of monetary union. "The English in particular are doing everything they can to prove that Europe cannot work," the economics editor of TF1, the main television network, told viewers. *Le Monde* blamed "German selfishness" and the "Anglo-Saxons".

In Brussels, EC officials last night tried to maintain an atmosphere of calm, hinting that predictions of imminent collapse of the European Monetary System were exaggerated. Henning Christopherson, the EC's finance commissioner, denied that any meeting of the secretive monetary committee was planned.

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, reiterated his call for democracy among European monetary authorities as a condition for Italy to rejoin the European exchange-rate system.

In Copenhagen, another turbulent day for the troubled Danish krone within ERM sparked fears among analysts that high interest rates would stunt Denmark's delicate economic revival, damage the country's export competitiveness and aggravate the already record-high 12 per cent unemployment rate.

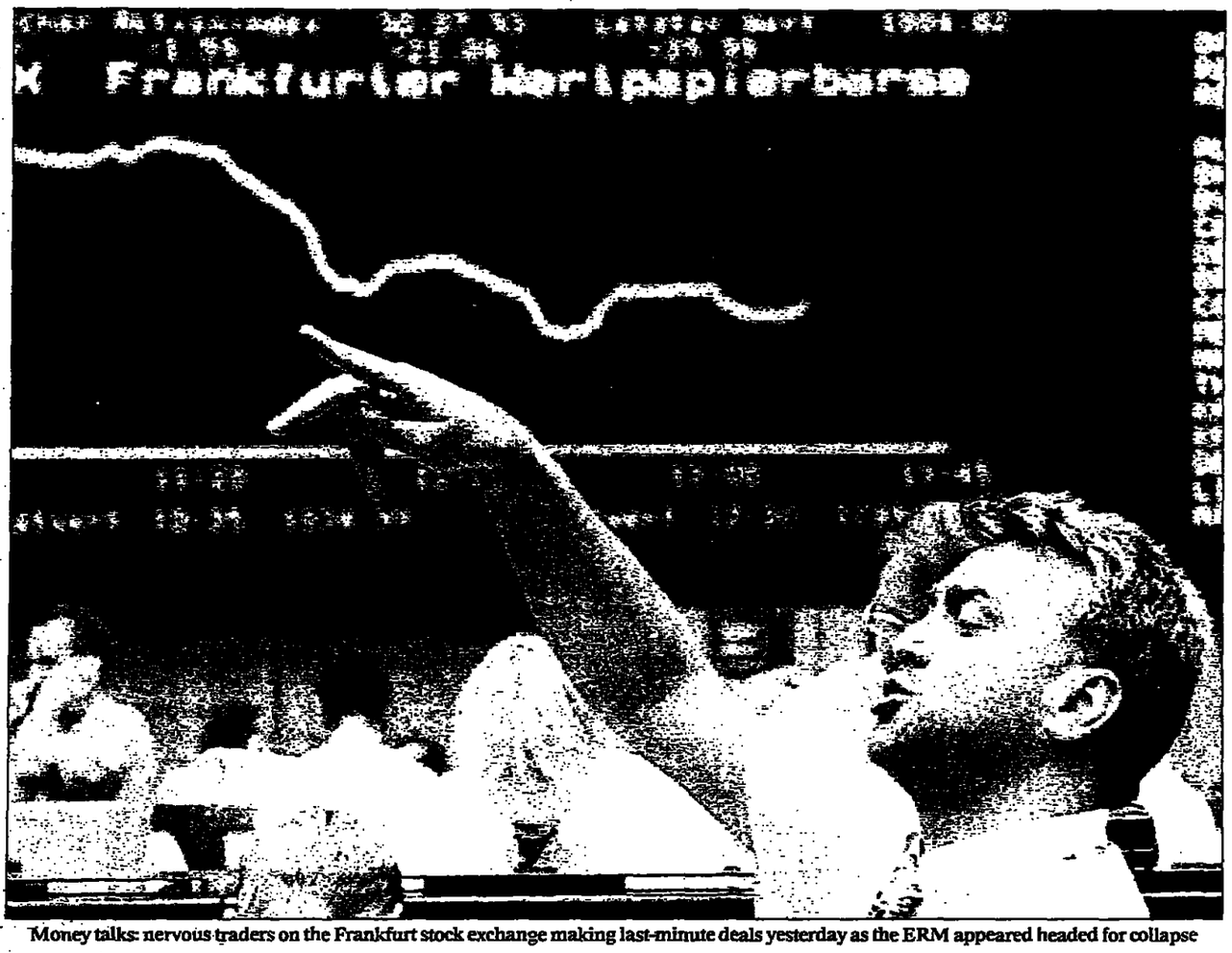
The Bundesbank, under attack across Europe for triggering currency market turmoil by failing to cut its discount rate on Thursday, enjoyed a largely favourable press at home and even won praise from the Bonn government for its firm anti-inflationary stance. The German response, including that of Theo Waigel, the finance minister, appeared to reinforce the view that Germany, beset with a mountain of problems arising from unification, is tending to focus on its own problems.

Hopes that Hans Tietmeyer, who in October takes over as president of the Bundesbank from Helmut Schlesinger, would help direct the central bank towards more politically aware judgements, could be disappointed given the success if the monetarist hardliners this week.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 1979: Eight EC governments agree to limit the fluctuations between their currencies and to use central bank reserves to adjust rates
- 1979-83: System rates realigned on average every seven months
- 1983-87: Rates realigned on average every 18 months
- 1985: Seven countries agree to keep their exchange-rate variations inside 2 per cent band
- 1989: Spanish peseta joins
- 1990: Britain joins
- June 2, 1991: Danish referendum rejects the Maastricht treaty
- July 16: German Bundesbank raises key interest rate by 0.75 per cent
- September 13: ERM realignment devalues Italian lira
- September 16: Britain and Italy suspend membership
- October 1992-March 1993: Spanish peseta is devalued three times, and the Portuguese escudo and Irish punt are devalued once each
- February-July 1993: Repeated market assaults on all ERM currencies except the mark. Huge interventions by central banks
- July 29: Bundesbank makes only token cut in lesser interest rate
- July 30: French franc and Spanish peseta both traded below their floors



Money talks: nervous traders on the Frankfurt stock exchange making last-minute deals yesterday as the ERM appeared headed for collapse

Japanese liberals shun the gerontocracy

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

■ *As the LDP turns to a younger generation to mend its shattered fortunes, the opposition coalition is promising to make atonement for Japan's military past*

JAPAN'S Liberal Democratic Party yesterday selected Yohei Kono, 56, as the man to replace the discredited Kiichi Miyazawa, 73, and to restore the tarnished image of a party that is expected by the end of next week to be officially in opposition for the first time in its 38-year history.

The victory of the young and self-consciously populist chief cabinet secretary over his rival, the former foreign minister Michio Watanabe, 70, was welcomed as a clear indication of the heightened influence of the LDP's younger generation.

Engaging in the traditional acceptance ritual of raucous "banzai" cheers, which is associated with the aging party barons' power games of the past, Mr Kono accepted his nomination with a curt and sober speech. "I will seriously consider our party's situation and do my utmost to recover ground lost," he said, his long face beginning to hint at the enormity of the task.

After last month's crippling defections to opposition parties of many LDP members dissatisfied with the failure of party elders' to recognise the necessity for political reform, the LDP staggered through a difficult election on July 18, maintaining most of its reduced strength but emerging without its customary parliamentary majority.

While Mr Kono's longer term duty is to get the LDP back into power, he faces two more immediate and unenviable tasks. First, he must embrace political reform and demonstrate to the electorate that the degraded party barons, whose resistance to reform precipitated the election, have been moved aside in the party hierarchy.

The extent to which former party powerbrokers such as Noboru Takeshita, the former prime minister and Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, the senior faction leader, still pull the strings from behind the scenes is difficult to gauge, but Mr Kono, who is a member of the faction run by Mr Miyazawa, has depended heavily on their influence in the past.

The relatively open election of Mr Kono is undoubtedly an improvement on the LDP's shabby public image, but how far he can extricate himself from the traditional reins of power will be a test of the depth of the LDP's internal renewal. Second, Mr Kono must attempt to unite a party that has all but disintegrated into an unruly muddle of warring groups cutting across factional boundaries and dividing the party along generation lines. The mood of the younger members became clear after the stormy televised meeting on July 22 when Mr Miyazawa announced his resignation to be greeted by a volley of invective from the self styled "Young Lions" calling for an end to the backroom bartering practices of their elderly leaders.

The chastened party barons agreed to a secret ballot for yesterday's election, a selection procedure normally sewn up in the past by two or three nonagenarians over a round of golf or a game of mah-jong.

Meanhile the seven opposition parties seeking to bring an end 38 years of one-party rule by the LDP promised this week to show "repentance" to Asian victims of Japanese military aggression, going further than previous apologies offered by the LDP.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ukraine missile demand

Kiev: President Kravchuk of Ukraine said yesterday that the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start), which has yet to be ratified by parliament, did not include the 46 SS24 multiple-warhead missiles on its soil.

Ukraine was left with 176 strategic nuclear missiles after the break-up of the Soviet Union: the 46 SS24s and 130 SS19s. Mr Kravchuk said the issue of the SS24s would have to be settled by separate agreement involving Ukraine, the United States and Russia.

Under Start, signed between the Soviet Union and the United States in July 1991, Ukraine was expected to give up all 176 strategic nuclear missiles.

'Spy' named

Berlin: Wolfgang Lueder, 56, a Free Democrat MP, has asked to have his immunity from prosecution lifted. He is the first prominent west German named as being suspected of having spied for the former East Germany. *(AP)*

Leader held

Tirana: Fatos Nano, the former Albanian prime minister, was arrested yesterday on charges of abuse of power arising from accusations that he squandered £5.5 million of Italian aid money. *(AP)*

Resort bombed

Istanbul: A bomb planted in a rubbish bin exploded in Kusadasi on the Aegean, injuring 17 people, including five tourists, the Anatolian news agency reported. *(Reuter)*

Germany releases Treblinka commandant

FROM KEVIN LIFFEY IN BONN

A DAY after Israel's supreme court cleared John Demjanjuk of being Treblinka camp guard "Ivan the Terrible", German authorities said yesterday they had released Kurt Franz, the convicted commandant of the Nazi death camp.

Franz, 79, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1965 at a war crimes trial in Dusseldorf for his part in the murder of at least 300,000 people, including 193 by his own hands, in the gas chambers of Treblinka, in Poland. He was found to have been responsible for the deaths as deputy commandant and then commandant of the camp. About one million people were murdered in Treblinka, the majority of them Jews.

A spokesman for the justice ministry in Northrhine-Westphalia state, where Franz had spent 34 years in prison, said he had been released "quite a few weeks ago, maybe in May" from a jail in the western town of Remscheid. German criminal law allows the release at any time after a minimum 15 years of a life sentence. The state prosecutors had argued Franz's crimes were too severe to justify release.

State prosecutor Alfred Streim, of the government Nazi investigation agency, said it would not be unusual if Franz had been released on grounds of illness or old age, like other Nazi war criminals.

Reports of testimony at the 1964-65 Treblinka trials of Franz and nine other defendants included witness accounts that he had personally beaten prisoners to death with a riding crop.

The court was told of the case of a Polish Jewish doctor who took poison out of fear of the thrashing. Franz was said to have had the man's stomach pumped and then beaten him to death.

As a high official in the Treblinka camp, Franz would have known "Ivan the Terrible", the brutal guard whom Israeli prosecutors believed was Mr Demjanjuk. Lawyers for Mr Demjanjuk claimed that the US war crimes investigation body concealed an interview with Franz in 1979, in which he was shown a photograph of Mr Demjanjuk and denied it was "Ivan the Terrible".

Yesterday, Yoram Sheftel, Mr Demjanjuk's lawyer, said that in anticipation of the acquittal he had secured the promise of a country to grant Mr Demjanjuk temporary asylum until it was decided where he would settle. However, he would not name the country for fear that it would withdraw the offer.

Mr Demjanjuk was yesterday, for his own protection, back in jail awaiting deportation. *(Reuter)*



Demjanjuk: granted temporary asylum in an unknown country

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Vigilante friars mobilise to beat Italy's bombers

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ Police and traffic wardens have been blamed for letting the terrorists succeed. Outraged Italians are organising their own patrols to keep their heritage under guard

FRANCISCAN friars have formed vigilante squads to protect churches in Assisi against bombings, and amateur archaeologists have volunteered to guard ancient monuments in Rome as officials undertake a review of security at Italian museums and ruins to try to thwart the surge of cultural terrorism.

Alberto Ronchey, minister of cultural heritage, blamed slack Rome police and traffic wardens for allowing cars with bombs to be parked in front of the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the church of San Giorgio al Velabro on Tuesday night, which severely damaged the buildings. "As far back as 1986 'no parking' orders were issued for non-residents in the squares (in front of the churches)," Signor Ronchey said. "This regulation was never respected."

However, the force of Signor Ronchey's remarks was diminished somewhat by the disclosure that he is under investigation in connection with alleged irregularities in the sale of an 18th-century listed building in Rome, the Villa Blanc. Giovanni Goria, a former prime minister and finance minister, had also been warned he was under investigation in connection with the villa. Signor Goria has received previous warnings in connection with two separate investigations.

Signor Ronchey, 67, is a former journalist who has made headlines with his energetic defence of Italy's cultural, artistic and archaeological treasures since his appointment in June 1992. His senior civil servant, Francesco Sisinni, was arrested earlier this month on charges of fraud connected with a £13 million restoration project to a stately home in southern Italy.

Throughout the peninsula Italians are mobilising to protect their cultural roots. In Umbria groups of Franciscan friars, outraged by the attack on the Uffizi gallery in Florence in May, have mounted round-the-clock guards at the Orvieto cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis and church of Santa Chiara in the hill town of Assisi, church officials said. "Friars and priests are under orders to inspect churches ever more frequently each day," said Monsignor Vittorio Peri, vicar-general of Assisi. "Confessional boxes and vestries also must be inspected. Recent events show that we must close ranks."

In Pisa, the Piazza dei Miracoli, where the leaning tower, cathedral and baptistry are, has been closed to pedestrians at night and floodlights have been installed. In Florence, the city council is investing in radar to protect the Uffizi gallery and the Piazza della Signoria.

"More than a classic war, this is guerrilla warfare," *La Repubblica* commented. "House to house, quarter to quarter, city to city. They say that Italy is too beautiful to be defended, too rich in treasures. And yet every council, every mayor and every museum curator yesterday was making plans against attacks on monuments."

In Rome, the president of the city's amateur archaeology association, Archeoclub, wrote to Signor Ronchey, offering his members' services to guard the Forum and other monuments by night. In the Sicilian city of Agrigento, councillors last night pondered how to increase security at the Greek ruins in the Valley of the Temples.

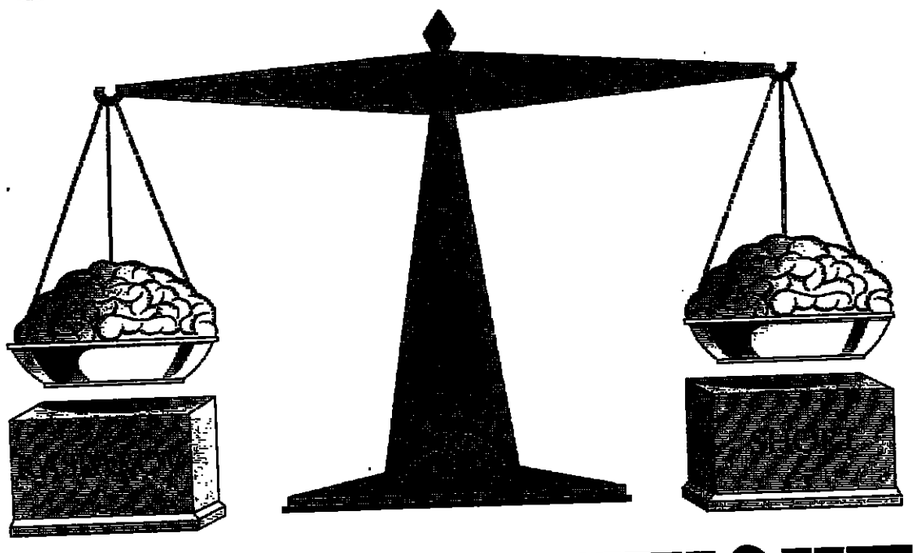
The ministry for cultural works has an anti-terrorism plan that will introduce measures such as parking bans in front of churches and installation of blast-proof glass in museums.

"Perhaps terrorism will have a paradoxical effect." *La Stampa* said, "making us rediscover through offended feelings the meaning and importance of the values enshrined in our cities."



Tears of a mother: Antonia Pasotto weeps over her son Sergio's coffin, draped in the Italian flag and adorned with his fireman's helmet. He was one of five people who were killed by a car bomb in Milan on Tuesday

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Clinton cajoles deficit waverers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NEVER has Dianne Feinstein, California's new senator, enjoyed such attention. President Clinton has invited her for a private chat in the White House family quarters, seven cabinet secretaries have sought her out, and several corporate leaders have visited her in her office.

The reason is simple. Ms Feinstein is threatening to vote against the president's $500 billion (£335 billion) deficit-reduction plan next week, and her single vote could wreck both his legislative programme and presidency.

As the joint committee reconciling the legislation's House and Senate versions wrapped up its work this week, Mr Clinton was again having the utmost difficulty in holding his Democratic troops in line. His room for manoeuvre was virtually non-existent.

The Senate's version of the austerity plan was approved in June on Vice-President Gore's tie-breaking vote. The White House is not hopeful of converting any of the six Democratic senators who voted against its record tax increases, meaning just one more defection would defeat it. Ms Feinstein, Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, Max Baucus of Montana and the attention-seeking David Boren of Oklahoma are all threatening to jump ship, hence the administration's lobbying blitz.

The White House is beginning to resemble a department store on sale day as Democratic senators and congressmen arrive in droves to hear the president plead, cajole and make them offers. Mr Clinton pummels the waverers' home-state media, giving satellite interviews or summoning local reporters to the Oval Office. He is back on the chat shows countering anti-tax propaganda and scores of businessmen are being trotted out to say the plan is vital for America's economic recovery.

The House only approved its version of the plan by a six-vote majority in May, and next week's outcome is scarcely more certain there than in the Senate. The prevailing view, however, is that the legislation will squeak through by the narrowest of margins, if only because its defeat would leave Mr Clinton a lame-duck president and destroy the Democratic party's credibility.



Feinstein: could wreck Mr Clinton's presidency

Natural parents win right to girl

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

On Monday morning the long arm of United States law will pluck two-year-old Jessica DeBoer from the only parents she has ever known, and hand her over to her biological mother and father. The Supreme Court ruled that the toddler, raised since birth by Roberta and Jan DeBoer of Ann Arbor, Michigan, legally belongs with her genetic parents.

America has been enthralled by the "Jessica Case" — a bitter battle for custody that has pitted the rights of adoptive parents against those of natural parents.

On February 8, 1991 Cara Clausen, an unmarried factory worker, gave birth to Jessica and immediately gave the child up for adoption. The childless DeBoers began the adoption process and baby Jessica soon moved into their comfortable middle-class home.

Then Ms Clausen and the child's natural father, Dan Schmidt, reunited, reconsidered and changed their minds. Ms Clausen had named another man on Jessica's birth certificate, but when genetic tests proved Mr Schmidt was the real father the adoption process was declared void.

But the DeBoers refused to surrender the child, claiming that Mr Schmidt already had two other children by other mothers whom he ignored.

The battle lines were clear-cut: between those who saw the Schmidts as home-wreckers, selfishly insisting on their biological rights without reference to the child's welfare and those who argued that the Schmidts, whatever their financial circumstances and emotional history, should be given the opportunity to raise their own daughter.

The Supreme Court ruling gave the DeBoers just 26 days to hand Jessica over, a transaction that will take place on Monday. Lawyers for the DeBoers have filed a last-minute request to the Supreme Court asking that the transfer be blocked and arguing that handing over Jessica will cause her "unimaginable harm".

Rights of adoptive parents and children in America are being tested simultaneously, and still more radically in a Florida court where a 14-year-old girl switched at birth is seeking to sever all ties with her biological parents so that she can stay with the father who has reared her. The case opens next week.

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Israel snubs Hezbollah offer as tanks push ahead

■ Israel is determined to continue its drive into Lebanon until there is a crackdown on pro-Iranian guerrillas. Yet the reaction in Beirut has been to close ranks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN METULLA AND ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

ISRAEL said last night it would not stop its offensive in southern Lebanon until Hezbollah guerrillas cease firing rockets at its northern settlements.

The Jerusalem statement came after an announcement from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah that it would stop firing Katyusha rockets if the Jewish state halted its six-day blitz. Soon afterwards the Islamic Jihad movement vowed its guerrillas would continue a rocket barrage. Oded Ben-Ami, an Israeli defence ministry spokesman, said after a cabinet meeting that the Yitzhak Rabin government had not discussed the offer by Hezbollah. "I do not see any change in the area," he said.

In Beirut, the Lebanese government remained firm in rejecting Israel's declared condition for a ceasefire — repression of Hezbollah. According to a senior politician in Beirut, the Israeli attack against the south had backfired. It had consolidated the fragmented internal Lebanese front and brought the traditional adversaries — the government of Rafik Hariri, the prime minister, and "the Party of God" — closer together.

Mr Hariri told reporters before leaving to attend the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Damascus yesterday that Israel's ultimate purpose was not only to wipe out Hezbollah but also to destabilise Lebanon. "They said bluntly that they were creating a refugee problem in Beirut for the purpose of shaking the Lebanese government and forcing it to crack down on the Hezbollah," Mr Hariri said.

Israel continued to mount its air, sea and ground strikes against southern Lebanon yesterday, inflicting more casualties and massive damage to property. On the sixth day of the Israeli military campaign, hospitals reported more than 120 people killed and 570 wounded. Witnesses said that whole villages like Jibchiet, which used to be a Hezbollah stronghold, Kafar Milki and Arabsalim were razed. Vast neighbourhoods in the town of Nabatiyeh were brought to the ground.

The witnesses said that, under the cover of darkness, Israel also moved 80 tanks and 600 infantry troops with trucks into the town of Jezzine. Another infantry battalion equipped with tanks and personnel carriers crossed the border into the western part of the Bekaa valley.

Hezbollah, preparing for the worst, announced that it was planning a strategy to combat any long-term Israeli occupation or invasion of the south.

One of its senior military commanders was quoted as saying that the Muslim resistance would "work on preventing the Jewish settlers in northern Israel from returning to their homes until Israel secures the return of the southerners back to their villages".

Kings return to Mountains of the Moon



Royal revival: staff lay out leopard-skin rugs for the coronation today of Prince Ronald Mutebi (below, left) as the Kabaka of Buganda



FROM MEG MASSIE IN FORT PORTAL

THOUSANDS of western Ugandan villagers danced this week to celebrate restoration of the kingdom of Toro in the shadow of the Mountains of the Moon. Royal guards brandishing long sticks cleared a path as Patrick Olimi, dressed in flowing robes of leopard skin and bark cloth, strode through cheering peasants.

In the crumbling ruins of his 160-year-old palace near Fort Portal, 210 miles from Kampala, the capital, Olimi mounted a throne of rock, once more the *Omukama* or King of Toro. Against a backdrop of rolling hills shrouded in mist, old men and women rose to gyrate for the first time in more than a quarter of a century to the beat of the *Empango* — the King's Drum.

Uganda's four traditional monarchies were old when European explorers reached the lush heart of Africa in the 19th century. They survived colonial rule but were abolished by Milton Obote, the former president, in 1967. President Museveni, the guerrilla leader who captured power in 1986, is now allowing them to return.



Kabaka Mutesa II: "King Freddie" died in England

Toro, flanking the Ruwenzori Mountains, which supply the source waters of the Nile and have been known since ancient times as the Mountains of the Moon, is the first. Prince Olimi was first crowned in 1965. He returned from his post as Uganda's ambassador to Cuba this month.

President Museveni, who as president has restored relative calm to a nation devastated by years of ethnic strife and dictatorship, believes traditional monarchies will help unify the country.

Monarchists have long pressed for restoration of the Toro, Buganda, Ankole and Bunyoro kingdoms. In the most elaborate ceremony, Buganda's Ronald Mutebi, 37, is due to be crowned Kabaka, or king, of his four million-strong tribe today.

Idi Amin, the former Ugandan dictator, has congratulated Prince Ronald. He stormed Kabaka ("King Freddie") Mutesa II's palace in 1967 when the then President Obote ordered troops to dethrone the king for refusing to acknowledge the authority of the central government. "King Freddie" fled to Britain and died in penury in Bermondsey, but General Amin allowed his son, Ronald, to return and claim the title of Crown Prince. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drug risk doctor struck off register

Sydney: William McBride, 67, the gynaecologist who first linked birth deformities and the drug Thalidomide, was struck off the New South Wales medical register yesterday after being found guilty of scientific fraud.

In early 1980 Dr McBride, now believed to be in America, claimed that Debendox, a remedy for morning sickness, could also cause deformities in a small number of embryos whose mothers took it early in pregnancy. In February the tribunal found this to be untrue, adding that the claim was not the honest mistake of a naive man ignorant in the ways of true science. *(Reuter)*

Nuclear charge

Boston: The US attorney's office has charged two New England companies with providing India with technology for use in building nuclear weapons by evading regulations against exporting arms-related technology. *(AP)*

Peace 'refused'

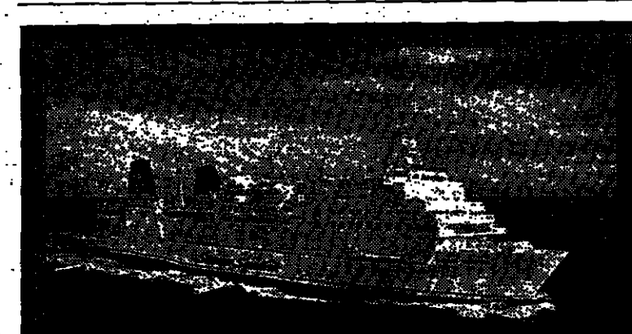
Luanda: Angola's armed Unita opposition was never willing to sign a peace accord with the government at peace talks in May, Antonio Monteiro, the Portuguese mediator, told the pro-government *Jornal de Angola*. *(AFP)*

Dutch shelled

Phnom Penh: Guerrillas of the Khmer Rouge fired mortar shells at a Dutch United Nations peacekeeping unit in northwest Cambodia, a UN spokesman said, adding: "There are no casualties that we know of." *(Reuter)*

Free to smoke

Taipei: A 47-year ban on prisoners smoking in Taiwan's jails has been lifted for well-behaved inmates after parliament scrapped the no smoking order on the ground that it violated the human rights of prisoners. *(AP)*



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If you don't know who said what to whom, make it up. Truth no longer seems to matter in biography: the question is, will it sell?

Alexander Chancellor in New York

One of the harshest book reviews I have ever read was published in *The Washington Post* this week. The headline was "Invented biography, steeped in slime", and beneath it the reviewer, Jonathan Yardley, had written of "a genuinely, unrelievedly rotten book, one without a single redeeming virtue, an embarrassment that should bring nothing except shame to every one associated with it". Some 1,500 words later, Mr Yardley fired his final fusillade: the book, he said, was "a mockery of even the most minimal standards by which biography is written... Anyone foolish enough to buy it deserves the excruciating experience of reading it".

The book in question is one for which the author was paid a reported $2 million advance, and which has been expected to recoup much more than that from sales, magazine serialisation, and a television mini-series which is already being made by NBC. It is by Joe McGinniss, and it is called *The Last Brother: The Rise and Fall of Teddy Kennedy*. Rushed prematurely into the bookshops last weekend amid the heat of a raging controversy about its author's ethical and literary standards, it has not yet, so far as I can see, received a single favourable notice. The reviewer in *The New York Times*, Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, was less splenetic than Mr Yardley, but he too described it as "awful" and accused McGinniss of scant respect for the truth.

The charges against McGinniss are twofold: that he relied heavily, and without attribution, on other books about the Kennedy family, especially William Manchester's *The Death of a President* (1967), and that having been cold-shouldered by Senator Kennedy and the whole Kennedy clan, he resorted to making up quotations and inventing thoughts and attitudes that the Senator might have had.

The furore started in June when the publishers, Simon & Schuster, sent out review copies of the book to the press with a curious note printed on the copyright page: "The events and circumstances described in *The Last Brother* have been extensively researched by the author. Some thoughts and dialogue attributed to figures in the narrative were created by the author, based on such research and his knowledge of the relevant people, places and events." Elaborating on this, the president of Simon & Schuster, Carolyn Reidy,



described the book as a work of "interpretive biography" and said McGinniss had sometimes "used his imagination, based on his research, to infer a thought process or perhaps even a conversation in order to give the scene and what's going on its full expression".

Everybody immediately rifled through the book to find examples of this questionable technique, and they were there in abundance. On one occasion, McGinniss has Teddy Kennedy wondering whether to run for the presidency after his brother Bobby's death in 1968. "He knew the time was not right, but he also knew that for him, the time would never be right. Why not just jump in and get it done? Maybe somebody would shoot him, and then he, too, could die a hero like his brothers."

It has been claimed that McGinniss cannot know for certain that what he has written in such passages, of which there are dozens, is true. Nevertheless, McGinniss was enraged by his publisher's disclaimer, and in the final version of the book it was replaced by a five page "author's note", in which he wrote that "The quotations attributed to people throughout the book represent in substance what I believe to have been spoken — at the times and under the circumstances described therein".

He does, however, admit that "in almost every instance, the quotations... have been drawn from published sources which I believe to be reliable"; and he further admits that he has tried to transcend "conventional biography" and has "quite consciously written portions as if from inside his [Senator Kennedy's] mind".

As to the charges of plagiarism, over which Manchester has threatened to sue him, McGinniss says that facts taken from other books are still fact, and therefore belong to the public domain.

McGinniss has not hitherto been regarded as a disreputable writer, although he has before been charged with unscrupulousness. He once paid $325,000 in settlement when a convicted triple-murderer claimed he had betrayed his promise to write a sympathetic portrait, which, it was claimed, is not what McGinniss's bestseller *Fatal Vision* became. But the criticism of his new book is of a different order. What went wrong? As the critic Michiko Kakutani has written, *The Last Brother* is the culmination of an alarming American habit, in books, movies and "docudramas", of blurring the distinction between fact and fiction. The American public is now so accustomed to this kind of thing that so long as the book is a good read, which *The Last Brother* certainly is, they will probably not care.

Janet Bush says the ERM was built for purposes of political expediency which no longer apply

How growth was sacrificed to dogma

The Bundesbank performed a noble service to its European partners in standing up for its own national priorities on Thursday. Its decision to make no cut in interest rates, for the heinous reason that its domestic economy did not justify one, marked the end of a surreal period in Europe's history, during which economic realities have been buried by the often paranoid desires and ambitions of the political classes.

No objective critique has been allowed of the workings of the exchange-rate mechanism, Maastricht convergence criteria, the timetable for monetary union, the *Alice in Wonderland* topsy-turviness of subordinating industry and people to wholly artificial semi-fixed exchange-rate parities in aid of the dream of European monetary union.

Politicians in France and Denmark have proceeded with their grand plans for EMU despite the opposition of around half of their electorates. The British government, which never gave the people a chance to vote on Maastricht, has forced through the bill through at enormous cost to its own health and to the credibility of the democratic process.

A confidence trick may work once, but not a second or a third time. It is probably, unwittingly, to the credit of the Bundesbank, allied to the enormous forces of the financial markets and rational investors around the world, that the game is finally up and Europe has a chance of building for itself an economic policy worth the name.

No one is suggesting a jingoistic return to the policies of the nation-state at the cost of international partnership. What the markets will have achieved is to the collective good of Europe.

Yet the drive towards European monetary and political union has been driven by a sense of history so visceral that even in the midst of market chaos it will be very hard to give up.

Germany's desire to tie itself into a pact of political equals was born out of an intense desire not to be noticed, as the country's economic dominance of the continent increased. The Germans' main worry as the rest of the world celebrated the fall of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism was that the world outside would realise how powerful they had become. Only by being good Europeans and sharing political power would they be accepted, with their economic power intact. Given Germany's history, reunification was just another potential embarrassment.

The French share the same bitter European history. For them, EMU has always been a way to limit the power of the Germans and ensure France a prominent place at the European policy table. Neither country will willingly concede such strategic aims to those forces of economic sense always pejoratively dismissed by European governments as "speculative Anglo-Saxons".

The problem for Europe is that the economics have changed beyond recognition. The ERM was conceived at a time when inflation was the spectre that haunted Europe. Binding their currencies to the mark, the strength and stability of which reflected a proven history of low inflation, was a sensible decision for other good Europeans. But inflation is no longer the issue: growth is. Building the future of Europe on Franco-German exchange-rate parity, which the French have continually asserted is the key to the whole project, has become increasingly absurd when politicians spend the rest of their time agonising about lost competitiveness and rising unemployment. Putting monetary union before political union was an attempt to build a roof before walls and foundations, and as this week in the markets has so graphically illustrated, the house is tumbling down.

Europe needs a change of economic policy, switching from a strategy based on exchange rates to one based on interest rates. It is a measure of the skewed thinking of the times that the French have clung to their current parity against the mark with a passion, even though most investors believe that outside the system the franc would appreciate on its economic fundamentals.

Whereas inflation was the enemy of the 1970s and 1980s, debt deflation is the foe of the 1990s, and requires, beyond any other consideration, lower interest rates. The only question is how that transition can be effected with minimum loss of political face.

> The most sensible course now would be to suspend the whole mechanism

Any forlorn hope that the ERM could still be patched together was dismissed yesterday when Denmark raised the price of one-week money to 45 per cent — this in a country with inflation below 1 per cent.

There are of course various routes the French and Germans could take. They could move to an immediate monetary union between the franc and the mark, with the Bundesbank standing full square behind the French currency and their monetary policies operating as one. The objection to this, apart from the fact that such a step would need full legal and constitutional approval, is that the French would still be left with high interest rates and even higher unemployment. It is by no means certain that the Gaullist fringes of the Conservative coalition, already looking towards the presidential election in 1995, would wear that.

Alternatively, the ERM could widen its bands considerably; but this, in the current climate, would simply invite further speculation, and would not secure the lower interest rates Europe needs.

Another wholly rational option would be for the mark to leave the ERM. This would still leave a problem with the guilder, surgically joined at the hip to the mark. Should that go too?

Or else the ERM as a whole could be suspended. This is the most sensible idea, if only because it would allow various European countries to examine the balance between their economic needs and the desire to be "at the heart of Europe". European interest rates outside Germany could immediately be lowered to levels compatible with recessionary economies, and exchange rates would be left to find their own levels.

Any attempt to make sense of the tumultuous events of yesterday points to one or other of these options being chosen over the weekend. But it should be remembered that all this could have been avoided a year ago if the French had accepted the German offer of a mark revaluation, by making a frank admission that the European system had to adjust to the shock of German reunification.

Political pride remains the wild card, and the French and Germans may battle on. But can they justify to their electorates spending an estimated 80 billion marks in a day to preserve the dream?

Despite all its dangers, the Matterhorn's grandeur is irresistible

My peak of ambition

GEROLD JUNG



At 4,477 m, the Matterhorn is the most famous of Swiss mountains, the country's answer to those who would belittle her

The Matterhorn is a dangerous mountain. It must have killed more people than any other mountain on earth. Its ascent routes are lined with the graves, crosses and plaques of those who trifled with it. The gauleiters of European safety have yet to tame it. One is supposed to climb it only with a guide, but fools can try without. I came to Zermatt this month to see how far up the mountain I could get. The answer is roughly half way — until terror got the better of me. But thank goodness nobody tried to stop me going further. This column is in praise of the freedom to take risks.

I can see why the Matterhorn obsesses mountaineers more than any other peak in Europe. Stand in the tiny square of Zermatt and its elongated, twisted pyramid soars overhead, a taunting challenge. There are no intermediate foothills, no excuse that it is "too far away for today". The only antidote to donning boots and immediately hurling oneself at it is a visit to Zermatt's tiny English church and adjacent museum. Both are filled with memorials to British Alpinists worsted in combat with the mountain. Here is a frayed rope, here a boot that slipped, here a heroic guide dragged to his death. Edward Whymper, the first man to climb the Matterhorn, in 1865, lost four of his party on the descent. He never recovered from the shame. Almost every year somebody dies. The Swiss always say demons haunt the summit.

The proper way to climb the Matterhorn is through the Swiss Alpine Club. Guides can be booked in Zermatt, and at £200 a day they do not come cheap. Understandably they will not take strangers to the peak without at least a week of acclimatisation and practice. With two lives at risk, they want evidence of mountaineering skill. The peak is often cloud-covered, so a commitment of time and money is needed for an ascent. I was surprised to see a 1912 Baedeker describe the Matterhorn as "not of unusual difficulty or danger: climbing irons useful". There are some fixed ropes, but one I saw was too like one of the tragic relics in the Zermatt museum for comfort.

There are many ways of ascending these Alps. When Mark Twain visited Zermatt in 1878, he produced a hilarious satire, "Climbing the Riffelberg". Twain's notional party was composed of 198 persons, including four surgeons, three chaplains, four pastry cooks, 44 muleteers, a botanist and a Latinist. The guides found their way up by cunningly noting the stream of tourists coming down. When Twain reached the (modest) Riffelberg summit he was greeted with rounds of applause by assembled hotel guests. His proposed descent was by means of parachuting his party with umbrellas onto the great Gornergrat glacier. He was frustrated to find he had forgotten a Bradshaw giving the time of the glacier's arrival at Zermatt — finally calculated as the summer of AD 2378. This was indeed "slower than the Ephesus to Smyrna railway".

My approach to the Matterhorn was more that of Eric Newby in the Hindu Kush. My guide, the intrepid Adrian "Iceaxe" Berry of *The Daily Telegraph*, smokes two packets of cigarettes a day, walks at glacier speed and screams with fear at any steep drop. But he has in his head the commissariat of every mountain hut in the southern Alps. With Mr Berry, our assault encountered no danger. Ice steps were cut with precision, even where not needed. We were bidden to greet passing climbers with cries of "Gotterdammerung!" or "Donner und Blitzen!" — even if they replied with "Have a nice day". At the Hörnli hut, 3,260 m up the Matterhorn, we were met with vast mugs of beer and plates of rösti.

Beyond Hörnli, the going gets tougher. The air thins, the heart pumps, humour wanes and the Matterhorn turns black and menacing. I turned back above the first set of fixed ropes. Two German climbers dressed like Darth Vadar came fast down from the clouds above us, looking as if pursued by ghosts. A plaque near a statue of the Madonna is fixed to the rock-face here pleadig with climbers to go no further without experience and the right equipment. It was placed there by the parents of an American climber killed at the spot. It is more effective than any health and safety warning. To the right lay the great northern glacier into which Whymper's party fell. I had reached my survival instinct or risk threshold.

Simon Jenkins

Zermatt has long been the unofficial capital of British Alpinism. Its best-known hotel, the Monte Rosa, is filled with Victorian photographs and mementos of early climbers. In winter, the town is just another ski resort, dedicated to those who delight not in ascending mountains, but in descending them — long a mystery to me. In summer, Zermatt reverses its variable geometry. Beautiful paths rise through fields of wild flowers towards the snow line and peaks. Serious walkers invade, Britons, Germans, Swiss, French, who treat mountains as challenges and with respect.

Travellers used to glory in the loneliness of the Alps. No longer. Zermatt has 108 hotels and 36 ugly lifts, cables and engine houses to every spot, however isolated, in the mountains and valleys round it. Such is the power of the downhill skiing industry. But the peaks keep their beauty and they keep their danger. No European directive has yet sought to flatten the Matterhorn, or erect railings and bridges on its heights or cover them with legal disclaimers. There is no barrier above Hörnli restricting further progress to qualified climbers. Negligence lawyers are not crouching behind every rock offering to sue the authorities for twisted ankles. Attempts to build cables to the summit andeven floodlight it have been resisted.

Most nations abuse their highest mountain-tops. They put railways, belvederes, radio-stations and military bases on them. The defence ministry cannot resist putting a mast on half the hilltops in England. Yet Switzerland's vast 4,000 m peaks defy all attempts to tame them. They are the country's answer to those who belittle her. They are nature's champions. Every year somebody picks up the gauntlet — and loses. In 1987, the Zermatt Alps claimed 28 dead in just six weeks. But the regulators are kept at bay. The people of Europe are still permitted to hurl themselves at this mountain, to test themselves, to risk life and limb and experience the exhilaration of triumph. They are still free to make up their own minds when to admit defeat. Long may it be so!

Initial reactions

THE TIMES DIARY

JOHN SMITH admits he does not know who or what is Sonic the Hedgehog. On this lapse, if on few of his others, I have good news for the Labour leader. The game has already moved on, the microchip has lost its magic, Sonic — in a manner familiar to Labour leaders — has become yesterday's hedgehog. In short, there is a new craze in town.

Its arrival will delight those who have been calling for a return to the traditional games of the schoolyard, because it leans heavily on the much-practised playground caper of briefly absconding with a chum's satchel at a moment carefully selected to cause maximum annoyance. Now, the game has been reborn. All over the country, people for whom maths homework is just a distant memory, are hastily relearning long-forgotten sleights of hand as they cast covetous glances at their colleagues' briefcases. The object this time though is not to purloin — just to have a quick look inside.

The instigator of what in this office is already assuming cult proportions is David Lloyd, the former Lancashire and England cricketer who revealed that the selection of Mike Atherton as the new captain of England had come as no surprise to him. For several seasons, he says, the lining of Atherton's kitbag has borne the initials, F.E.C. (Future England Captain). Indeed, said Lloyd — who now dispatches the well-turned phrase with the ease he once reserved for the over-pitched delivery. Atherton was even nicknamed "Feccie" by admiring team mates.

Apocryphal or not, the seeds of a fad have been sown. In this office, no briefcase is safe, as the hunt begins for the youthful reporter whose case foretells a distinguished, if distant, future with the inky legend, F.E.T.T. (Future Editor of *The Times*). Colleagues attempting to identify he or she-who-will-one-day-be-obeyed greet each other with cries of "Hello Fettie", somewhat to the dismay of staff whose girths are rather less clipped than their vowels.

Down the road and around several corners, a hunt has begun in earnest for the case that bears the initials F.C.E.N.P., following Andreas Whittam Smith's decision to resign as chief executive of Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent*, the newspaper he continues to edit. No abbreviated form has yet been proposed for his eventual successor — apparently nicknames are against house style.

The privacy law which the government has said that it is considering will come too late to protect many of the inscriptions that grace the interiors of the nation's hand-luggage. The illuminated F.K.E. of Prince William's satchel (handed down from his father, it is said) has long been admired by his school friends. From afar, of course, the prospect of a one-way trip to the Tow[illegible] of London has served as an admirable deterrent to would-be absconders.

But this week it has been the turn of his younger brother, Harry, to take centre stage when he swopped satchel (F.P.A.T. — future prince-about-town) for a tin hat (W.C.I.A.F. — With a Career In the Armed Forces) and a day out with the Light Dragoons in Germany.

The informal visit spelled out how times have changed. As a child of the peace-loving 1960s, I was not allowed to play with toy guns. No such restrictions for a prince in the peacekeeping 1990s — he got a whole regiment. But then I can still remember the days when the pinnacle of a Russian ballet dancer's career would be to defect to the West, rather than to *jeté* back to St Petersburg after a few unkind reviews from British critics.

While Prince Harry got his green helmet at the double, his aunt, the Duchess of York, was looking increasingly unlikely ever to get her hands on the blue version she so covets. With Whitehall and Buckingham Palace allegedly opposing her appointment as an ambassador to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, her future was again looking rather less D.Y., rather more S.F.

The Duchess of York is not alone in having trouble with her acronyms. For years, a youthful John Major was plagued by playground peers demanding to see the initials in his satchel — initials that Major still insists are pronounced W-one-M.P. But his problems did not stop with adulthood. As a junior minister, civil servants grew accustomed to finding his red boxes defaced with the repeated doodle, F.P.M. ... F.P.M. ... F.P.M. And wearily the same civil servants grew accustomed to rubbing the doodle out again, dismissing them as a foolish flight of ministerial fancy.

But now the same civil servants are having their revenge. Emboldened by the narrowness of his Maastricht victory and the comprehensive nature of the Christchurch defeat, the red boxes are returning to the prime minister's desk, this time with the prophetic initials already inscribed in indelible ink. F.M.P. ... F.M.P. ... F.M.P. ... Well, it's either the back benches or F.L.H.M.O. in two years' time, isn't it?

MATTHEW BOND



(GONNA EDIT DIARY).

LET THEM EAT WORDS

French leaders should beware the example of Marie-Antoinette

The upheaval which shook the pound from the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) last September was a mere tremor by comparison with the earthquake that shook Europe's foreign exchange markets yesterday. With money fleeing to the safe havens of the dollar and the yen, millions of European holidaymakers and investors have seen their plans thrown into disarray. Just as the weak always suffer most in natural disasters, so they have taken the brunt in this supremely manmade example.

Meanwhile, in Europe's chancelleries, where the blueprint for European monetary union which lies behind this chaos was drawn, all was studied calm yesterday. One European commissioner, when asked about an emergency meeting of the ERM's monetary committee, told enquirers to "head for the beach". He was outdone by the French prime minister, Edouard Balladur. Of Thursday's decision by the Bundesbank not to cut its key discount rate, he said only that "today was a normal day".

Marie-Antoinette could not have displayed more insouciance. But M Balladur's problem is not that he is out of touch with reality. It is rather is that the only actions which could decisively end the speculators' revolt — to let the Deutschmark float, to float the franc, or to accept a "temporary" suspension of the ERM itself — are the ones he has set his face publicly and repeatedly against. M Balladur was thus reduced to elegant blackmail: his oblique appeals to "the goodwill of each and every one" meant, simply, that the Bundesbank had erected the guillotine — and must now rescue the victim from execution.

The French are paying an intolerable price for a *franc fort* policy which has fixed the French currency to the Deutschmark since 1987. Out of misplaced pride, France refused Germany's offer, at the time of German unification, to revalue the Deutschmark — a move which would have dampened German inflation and meant lower interest rates throughout Europe. The price of that refusal has been deflation in mid-recession. Yet France has stubbornly clung to the conviction that devaluation of the franc would blow both the ERM and Maastricht's timetable for EMU out of the water. Its government has seemed reckless of the damage to its reserves, to its increasingly fragile banking system, to its industries and to its workforce.

In any battle between "political will" and free capital markets, alas for political will. Yesterday's show of strength by all the ERM central banks cost their taxpayers at least $30 billion. But the huge sums were paltry by the lights of foreign exchange markets which routinely trade $1000 billion a day.

With the ERM now beyond the point where a general realignment could provide more than a short breathing space, even within broader bands, betrayal is the word on Frenchmen's lips. They should instead be grateful to the Bundesbank. M Balladur is right that since French inflation is less than half than Germany's and its industries are currently more competitive on costs, economic factors do not justify a run on the franc. But he will not accept the logical conclusion that the ERM system itself must then be rotten. The problem is not exchange-rates: it is that the astronomical real interest rates which have been required to protect them are destroying the real economies of Germany's ERM partners. The speculators have simply done the political arithmetic.

The way both to save the *franc fort* and to have the lower interest rates that France so desperately needs is to float the currency. It will eventually float upwards, as sterling has since September. If the ERM is suspended the French and other ERM governments will have to explain to their voters, as Britain's has had to do, why the lost war for fixed parities was worth years of sacrifice. But at least interest rates could come down and the sacrifices would have a term. No other route offers an escape from pain.

COLD COMFORTS

How much further can John Major fall?

Bertie Wooster once demanded the proper measure of gin for an "adult defeatist"; Jeeves chose for him the "liberal tumblerful". Both master and servant would have been at home in Christchurch yesterday. Paddy Ashdown's campaigners celebrated their devastating victory with more liberal tumblerfuls than have been seen in the area this century. The Tories' "adult defeatists" were meanwhile asking each other how much further John Major can fall.

Defeatism has been at the core of the Tory campaign. The party's supporters throughout the country have caught the corrosive sense of weariness emanating from Westminster and Whitehall. It is easy to say that by-elections do not matter and that Christchurch will return a Tory again at the general election. It is not just by-election results that need to be considered; the manner in which those by-elections are fought matters too. As our chief political correspondent described yesterday, the Liberal victor, Diana Maddock, was not pursued by opponents who truly wanted victory. It was an unsubtle gentlemanly fight for votes — more Wooster than Jeeves and without any trace of Tebbit at all.

There is a smell of the early Sixties about this government now. As ministers disperse for some rest and recreation, it is as though the party is wanting to lose, wanting to avoid the responsibility of winning. John Major was defiant yesterday. But his has always been the defiance of the stubborn man. He has promised an unbending response to trouble before — and bent eventually. Few doubt that he will do so again.

As the former MP Sir Peter Smithers wrote in *The Times* on Thursday, the prime minister has shown himself artless in leadership. Mr Major blames international forces and internal rebellions but the voters see a simpler problem. The MORI opinion poll findings which we publish today show an unprecedented drop in public confidence. Only 11 per cent of voters regard Mr Major as a capable leader; Mrs Thatcher never sunk below 34 per cent on that scale. Only 7 per cent see him as good in a crisis; Mrs Thatcher's eqivalent low point was 30 per cent. The Tories are "out of touch" in the opinion of three fifths of the electorate; the list goes on.

Only 12 per cent of voters see the government as "professional". Sir Peter Smithers is not alone in his critique that necessary skills are absent from 10 Downing Street. Only 8 per cent of voters and 21 per cent of Conservatives say that Mr Major has a good team of leaders. Party leaders dismiss opinion polls as habitually as by-election results. But these numbers are hard to ignore.

There is uncertainty about why John Major wants to be prime minister. The political balance of Europe is swinging wildly this weekend as currency ties unbind. The British people can be forgiven for feeling nervous with a tired leader whose best-known will — to be "at the heart of Europe" — was never more than a phrase and is now not even that. Ministers talk of the need "to work like crazy" and "to fight and fight like mad". A little silence would probably be more useful. Even the silence, as Jeeves would say, will be distinctly *frappé*.

HOPE AND EXPERIENCE

Politics need not be the language of despair

In a week of by-election brutality and ERM turmoil, Chris Patten's speech on the march of liberty, published in *The Times* yesterday, showed that politics can still be an inspirational craft. Scorning the counsels of despair which are a feature of every *fin de siècle*, the Governor of Hong Kong took heart from the advance of freedom around the world. "On every continent, in nearly every land," he said, "hope is turning on the lights".

For a man engaged in sensitive negotiations with China to challenge the human rights record of Asian countries was bold indeed. Mr Patten was right to attack the claim — revived at the United Nations human rights conference in Vienna last month — that economic necessity justifies the denial of basic political rights. Yet the most striking feature of his speech was not its political message but the breadth of its vision. It ranged from hope to freedom to suffering to the nature of humanity without straying into the language of homily; it cited Housman, Popper, Havel and De Tocqueville without being ostentatious or bookish. Too rarely do modern politicians display such dignified erudition; too rarely do they explore the power of politics to turn abstraction into reality.

In its learning and philosophical range, Mr Patten's speech stood in a humanistic tradition which stretches back to the Renaissance belief that intellect and the *vita activa* are not only compatible but complementary. When Vaclav Havel became president of Czechoslovakia and Mario Vargas Llosa ran for the presidency in Peru, it was said by many that a man of letters could never run for high office in this country. Yet it is only recently that the humanistic tradition in British politics has withered.

Churchill's fame as a historian and belletrist is assured; but it is too easily forgotten that Macmillan's grasp of ancient history was excellent or that Enoch Powell was one of the outstanding classical scholars of his generation — better even than Quintin Hogg, Lord Jenkins is as happy discoursing on John Henry Newman as he is defending his political career. But the gentleman-amateur has given way to the over-worked technocrat. The generation of politicians that followed Lord Jenkins and his contemporaries has been much less inclined to mix learning and philosophy with the increasingly technical business of government.

It is in a nation's interests that its leaders have time away from their red boxes to develop what Lord Healey calls the "hinterland" of culture and experience outside political life. The pressure upon politicians to speak in recyclable soundbites has discouraged thoughtful oratory. There are scant opportunities for ministers of the intellectual calibre of Michael Portillo, John Patten and Malcolm Rifkind to turn their rhetorical powers to matters greater even than affairs of state. But it need not be so. A wise voice amid the clamour of failure and doubt, Mr Patten has shown how rich the rewards of adventure can be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Traditional justice and demands of the 20th century

From Mr P. R. Ridgway

Sir, Your report (July 28) on proposed changes to trial by jury included the quotation by Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, that "we do not usually go back to the 13th century to decide how to run things". On the contrary, most of our moral and ethical code considerably predates this. Principles that have been in operation for many centuries acquire a great validity; any change requires correspondingly significant justification.

Yours sincerely,
P. R. RIDGWAY,
27 Naverne Meadows,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
July 28.

From Mr L. L. Blake

Sir, The salient sentence of our constitution is from the 13th-century lawyer, Bracton: "The king must be under no man but God and the law, for the law makes the king."

These words have echoed down the centuries and have repeatedly been applied, most recently in the case reported on July 28, in which the House of Lords decided that a finding of contempt of court could lie against a king's servant, the home secretary.

Yours truly,
L. L. BLAKE,
271 Lonsdale Road, SW13.
July 28.

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper argues (letter, July 21) that, instead of Runciman's recommendation that an independent Criminal Cases Review Authority (CCRA) be set up to consider alleged miscarriages of justice, it would be "simpler and preferable" that the Court of Appeal itself investigate and decide whether to grant leave to appeal.

Simpler it may be, but God forbid such a proposal. It ignores the notorious record of the Court of Appeal in its handling of references in such cases — one need only cite the Cooper/McMahon and Birmingham Six cases for starters.

Admittedly the court, shocked by recent revelations, appears to have turned over a new leaf and would be less likely to reject cases if adequately staffed by investigators. But Sir Louis' proposal would throw out one of the strengths of Runciman's recommendations, a body independent of both executive and judiciary, and would graft an inquisitorial role onto an adversarial system.

Nor could the public have confidence in the court acting in three conflicting roles — inquisitor, prosecutor and judge — as Runciman rightly argues.

Besides which, the task of the investigator is by no means "essentially judicial". It is to collate all the evidence and arguments, however judicially persuasive they may be. It is for the court then to evaluate the material. If it is left to the lawyers, albeit serving the court rather than the home secretary, to decide on the evidence to be presented to the court, we would be no better off than we are now.

On one point Sir Louis is surely right. The CCRA must be made accountable by being subject to judicial review. If this requires it to set specific criteria, so be it.

Yours faithfully,
BENEDICT BIRNBERG,
B. M. Birnberg & Co (solicitors),
103 Borough High Street, SE1.
July 21.

From Mr Justin Philips and Mr Michael Kelly

Sir, May we take issue with Michael Chance's wish (letter, July 21) for an overt acknowledgement that good stipendiary magistrates "can expect to move up the judicial ladder fairly quickly".

Would it not be much better if every encouragement was given to good "stipes" to remain in the magistrates' court to ensure the patience and care in court that Mr Chance seeks and to which all who come to court are entitled?

Yours etc,
JUSTIN PHILIPS,
MICHAEL KELLY
(Metropolitan stipendiary magistrates),
Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court,
211 Tooley Street, SE1.
July 21.

From His Honour Judge Bell

Sir, Professor Michael Zander (letter, July 16) showed that, quantitatively, removal of a defendant's right to elect trial in either-way cases would remove only 5 per cent of trials from the Crown court. The removal of this right has also little qualitative effect for the following reasons.

A person convicted by a jury has limited avenues of appeal. There must be a misdirection by the judge or an error in admitting certain evidence, or the whole case must create a feeling in the appeal court that the conviction is unsafe or unsatisfactory. Further, it will be rare for the appeal court to permit additional evidence.

It is far otherwise if the initial conviction is before a magistrates' court. An erroneous decision on law or evidence may lead to appeal to the Crown court or to the divisional court. But in addition there is a broad, open road to the Crown court, on the basis that "the conviction is against the weight of the evidence". No leave is required. There is a re-hearing: additional evidence may be called as of right, witnesses may be dropped as of right.

The Crown court, when sitting on appeals, is composed of two magistrates and a circuit judge or a senior recorder.

The safeguards against wrongful conviction not remedied on appeal are therefore at least as great and may well be greater where trial takes place in the magistrates' court.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR BELL,
Courts of Justice, Earl Street,
Carlisle, Cumbria.
July 20.

From the Chairman of Council, The Magistrates' Association

Sir, Mr Richard Ferguson states (letter, July 21) that the Criminal Bar opposes entrusting the "vital question of jurisdiction (on mode of trial) to the magistrates" because magistrates are more likely to convict than a jury.

That does not mean that justice is less likely to be done.

Yours sincerely,
JOYCE ROSE,
Chairman of Council,
The Magistrates' Association,
28 Fitzroy Square, W1.
July 22.

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, May I correct one error in my letter. I said that the Runciman commission did not deign to refer to an investigative power which the old Court of Criminal Appeal had under the 1907 Act. I was wrong.

In the chapter (10) on the Court of Appeal, but not in the chapter (11) on miscarriages of justice, reference is made to the 1907 provision. Wrongly in my view, the commission dismisses this "investigative" function as incompatible with the judicial functions of the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,
2 Ripplevale Grove, N1.
July 21.

Forecasting, with today's technology

From Professor Julian Hunt, FRS, Chief Executive of the Meteorological Office

Sir, Continuing the debate between *The Times* and the Meteorological Office, which began in the 1850s, your editorial, "And here is the forecast" (July 23), misled your readers about our considerable accomplishments, which are best judged statistically rather than subjectively.

Our accuracy — at 85 per cent for 24-hour forecasts — is world-leading. The 30-day "outlook" forecasts offer valuable guidance to a range of commercial customers and to the defence services.

Ninety per cent or more of television viewers are satisfied or very satisfied with our national television forecasts.

Seventy-two per cent of the public recognise that the accuracy of forecasts is improving.

Most major airlines receive Bracknell's forecasts — even for their own internal flights — and many prefer us to the other World Area Forecast Center in Washington, DC.

Commerce and industry pay us £16.9 million per annum for weather intelligence, which has a financial and business benefit to them of around ten times this factor.

Your views that our graphics are "slickly designed but unintelligible" are not shared by others. In the last 18 months the Met Office has won contracts to provide graphics and presenter training to countries such as Norway, Sweden and Saudi Arabia.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. R. HUNT,
Chief Executive,
Meteorological Office,
London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire.
July 26.

From Professor Keith Browning, FRS

Sir, I shall resist the temptation to respond to your light-hearted editorial about the Met Office in too serious a vein. I do, however, feel that its dismissiveness of the science and application of meteorology is symptomatic of the two-culture split. It fails to recognise the enormity of the scientific and technological challenges implied by weather forecasting.

Despite the difficulties, great strides have been made in the quality of weather forecasts in recent years and more can be expected through advances in observing and computing technology and in basic understanding.

This is a field where we can be proud that British scientists are still making a leading contribution. There can be little doubt about the relevance of their endeavours to our national needs.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH BROWNING
(President, Royal Meteorological Society, 1988-90),
University of Reading,
Joint Centre for Mesoscale Meteorology,
2 Earley Gate, Whiteknights,
PO Box 239, Reading, Berkshire.
July 23.

From Mrs Cissie Birks

Sir, Are weather forecasters an unnecessary luxury? Now being a senior citizen, I survived the vagaries of the English climate long before weather forecasters came to such prominence.

Yours faithfully,
C. BIRKS,
29 Gloucester House, Courtlands,
Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey.
July 28.

Rio street deaths

From Baroness Flather

Sir, In my capacity of chairman of the Consortium for Street Children, which represents 30 charities and individuals working for "street children" globally, I would like to condemn most vigorously the wanton murders of eight children in Rio de Janeiro last week (reports, July 24 (later editions), July 26).

A European Community statement on July 24 condemned the murders. However, it remains imperative that the strongest possible representations are made by the UK to the president of Brazil, pointing out that these killings, and the murders of 4,600 children in Brazil over the last three years, cannot be tolerated by any civilised society in the world. The Brazilian authorities must bring the murderers to justice at the earliest opportunity.

This shameful child massacre should reawaken all our consciences.

Yours sincerely,
FLATHER,
House of Lords.

Well worn

From Mrs Rosemary Mastin

Sir, Twenty-one years ago my sister and I, at our respective weddings, wore a veil that was then more than 100 years old (letters, July 27, etc). It was the same hand-made Brussels lace veil that our grandmother had worn at her own wedding 48 years earlier. Also, as an 11-year-old, I wore in the early 1960s a Victorian lady's wedding dress for our school's production of *Alice Through the Looking Glass*. I played the part of the White Queen. I was, I think, about 4ft 10in tall and the dress fitted perfectly, which perhaps says something about improved nutrition in this century.

Yours,
ROSEMARY MASTIN,
107 Riddlesdown Road,
Purley, Surrey.

Christchurch result

From Mr Bernard A. Webb

Sir, How extraordinary that Sir Norman Fowler, chairman of the Conservative party, should insist on today's breakfast television programmes that the government will not be changing its policies in spite of the party's crushing defeat at Christchurch (reports, July 30).

If an historic 35 per cent swing away from the ruling party in one of its previously safest seats does not convince the government not only of the depth of ordinary people's concern at its increasingly desperate attempts to reduce the public-sector deficit, but also of the necessity to win consensus by compromise, then the Conservative administration has forfeited its right to govern.

It is simply not enough for Sir Norman and other Conservative leaders to maintain that government policy is, perforce, right and all that is needed is a more effective propaganda machine to get the "message" across.

In the shadow of such a significant by-election defeat it is arrogance verging on contempt for the electors of Christchurch for Sir Norman to maintain that the Conservative loss reflects a "protest" vote, which will be reversed at the next general election. Responsible governments learn from protest votes; complaisant governments ignore them at their peril.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. WEBB,
Reichensteinerstr. 42/4,
4053 Basel, Switzerland.
July 30.

A cure for truancy?

From Mrs Mair Roberts

Sir, The school holidays now upon us seem a good opportunity to reflect on truancy. Boredom and apathy, leading to truancy, are found in varying degrees in most secondary schools. Like all communal attitudes they are contagious and self-perpetuating.

Pupils endowed with the ability to cope readily with a four-year GCSE course are compelled, under the present system, to spend an unnecessary extra year.

The less able are cheated of a viable final year of secondary education by the exigencies of a five-year examination course arbitrarily timed to coincide with the raising of the statutory school-leaving age to 16, but still inadequately structured to meet their needs.

A shorter four-year GCSE course for all ability groups would ensure a more rigorous approach to teaching, essential if interest is to be sustained over a prolonged period. Secondary schools would be smaller and truancy more easily spotted. Assessment of its causes could be ascertained and individual correctives applied.

A four-year secondary stage would be followed by a three-year tertiary stage. The extra year would meet the universally acknowledged need to broaden the sixth-form curriculum, without lowering A-level standards by attempting to do this within the present two-year sixth-form course. It would ensure a vocationally oriented post-GCSE course for pupils thinking of leaving at 16. It would give them the option of pursuing tertiary courses which could be carried on in the second and third years.

Direct access to information on these courses might well prove the incentive needed to encourage more 16-year-olds to stay on in education.

In 1981 the Labour party's proposals for a national system of tertiary education were rejected because of their political incompatibility with the party's championship of local government autonomy. Professional self-interest in retaining the status quo has proved another obstacle to progress.

Yours sincerely,
MAIR ROBERTS,
13 Lôn-y-Bryn,
Bangor, Gwynedd.
July 29.

Puzzle posers

From Mr John Kay

Sir, As a long-time competitor for the *Times* Saturday Crossword prize, I would like to share my dilemma with fellow puzzlers: do I really want to win?

I am a teetotal director of a business gift company specialising in supplying pens. After several years attempting to win a Parker Duofold fountain pen I am now breaking my head every Saturday to win a bottle of whisky.

After mature consideration I have decided that I do want to win, because I wish to frame the congratulatory letter to hang in the downstairs cloakroom.

Yours in hope that the next prize will be a year's supply of cream buns,
JOHN KAY,
35 Langley Park, NW7.
July 28.

From Mr Geoffrey D. Hammerton

Sir, I wonder whether I am the first person to solve a *Times* crossword on Lunga, one of the Treshnish Islands of the Inner Hebrides between Mull and Coll.

The island is uninhabited except for thousands of puffins, guillemots and other sea birds and is visited only by parties of birdwatchers and other naturalists who are too occupied by their other interests to pause for crosswords.

But I am seated on a rock, watched by curious puffins, and I've completed the puzzle — though maybe not in half an hour.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. HAMMERTON,
As from: 8 Bonsall Drive,
Mickleover, Derbyshire.
July 24.

Mighty chancellors

From the Dean of the Arches and Auditor of the Chancery Court of York

Sir, Bishop John Bickersteth (letter, July 16) is not entirely correct. The Church of England diocesan chancellor is appointed by the bishop after consultation with others, including the Dean of the Arches. As judge of the diocesan court, with a duty to act dispassionately, he is necessarily independent of the parties and of the bishop.

He may be removed for incapacity or misconduct. Until 1976 the chancellor, like the High Court judge, was appointed for life. Since then the retirement age has been 72, the age at which circuit judges are required to retire.

It is not correct that the Church of England knows no jury. For disciplinary offences, tried in the consistory court, the chancellor sits with a jury of four assessors, two clerical and two lay. As with a Crown court judge the chancellor is responsible for the summing-up, the jury decides the verdict and the chancellor recommends the sentence.

For faculty cases the chancellor, like judges in civil courts or an inspector in planning appeals, is solely responsible for deciding fact and law. There is one difference. The chancellor, unlike the judge or the planning inspector, has assistance from the diocesan advisory committee, and, if desired by them, from amenity societies.

Any dissatisfied litigant in disciplinary or faculty cases has a right of appeal to a provincial court. All of this prevents a chancellor being a monarch, even a constitutional monarch, of all that he or she surveys.

The faculty jurisdiction was recently reviewed. Most of the resulting recommendations have been adopted by the General Synod and approved by Parliament. The General Synod also approves chancellors' fees: other remuneration cannot be agreed without the consent of the bishop.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OWEN,
Royal Courts of Justice,
Strand, WC2.
July 16.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 30: The Queen today visited Hertfordshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

Her Majesty this morning visited Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Howlands, Welwyn Garden City.

The Queen toured the hospital, escorted by the Chairman, East Hertfordshire Trust (Mrs Lesley White), and afterwards named the new Day Room centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty later visited Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, and was received by the Chairman, Lawes Agricultural Trust Company (Professor Sir Richard Southwood), the Chairman, Rothamsted Experimental Station (Sir Ralph Riley), the Vice-President, Royal Agricultural Society of England (the Duke of Wellington), the Mayor of St Albans City and District Council (Councillor Mrs Sheila Burton) and the Mayor of Harpenden (Councillor David Britten).

The Queen unveiled commemorative plaques and afterwards toured the centre, escorted by Professor Trevor Lewis (Director of Research).

Her Majesty subsequently honoured the Chairman with her presence at Luncheon at Rothamsted Manor.

The Queen this afternoon opened Tabor Court at Valley Road Development, Letchworth, and was received by the Chairman, Letchworth Garden City Corporation (Mr Eric Lyall) and the Managing Director, Avebury Projects Limited (Mr Peter Muir).

After touring the development, Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque at Tabor Court.

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, today visited the Hurlingham Club, London SW6.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 30: The Duke of York, Patron, this evening took the Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London SW5.

Major Joyce Gillison was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 30: The Prince Edward today gave a Luncheon in support of the visit of the Calgary Round-Up Band and the Calgary Stampede Show at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 30: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended the RYA/Eric Twiname National Youth Matchracing Championships, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 30: The Prince of Wales today visited Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new British Airways subsidiary company, British Airways Maintenance Cardiff, at Cardiff-Wales Airport.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community and The Prince's Trust, this afternoon attended a meeting with Training Enterprise Council chairmen and business leaders from Wales.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later received the Rt Hon John Gummer MP (Secretary of State for the Environment).

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited Cleveland and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cleveland (The Lord Gisborough).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Girl Guides Association, visited the Cleveland County International Camp at Wynyard Park, Wolviston, Stockton-on-Tees.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President (St John Ambulance), later opened St John House, the St John Ambulance County Headquarters in Marton Road, Middlesbrough.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

Today
Sir Robert Balchin, chairman, The Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, 51; Mr S.J.R. Bedford, conductor, 54; Mrs Evonne Cawley, tennis player, 42; Viscount Churchill, 59; Sir Trenchard Cox, former director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 88; Mr Brooke Crutchley, former Printer to Cambridge University, 86; Mr Norman Del Mar, conductor, 74; Mr Jonathan Dimbleby, broadcaster, 49; Professor Milton Friedman, economist, 81; Mr Frank Giles, former editor, The Sunday Times, 74; Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, Marks & Spencer, 57; Lord Justice Hirst, 68; Mr Ralph Koltai, stage designer, 69; Miss Mary Lutyens, writer, 85; Mr Justice McCullough, 62; Judge Norma Negus, 61; Mr Peter Nichols, playwright, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett, 80; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, former Chairman of the Bar, 58; Professor R.W. Steel, former vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 78; Lord Thomas of Gwydir, QC, 73; Professor Howard C. Thomas, professor of medicine, 48; Sir Geofroy Tory, diplomat, 81.

Tomorrow
Mr Lionel Bart, composer, 63; Miss Janet Gough, high mistress, St Paul's, Girls' School, 53; Viscount Hanworth, 77; Mr Frank Hauser, theatre director, 71; Sir William Hayter, diplomat, 87; Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson, 84; Dr David Jasper, former principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 42; Sir Richard Lloyd Jones, civil servant, 60; Major-General R.C. Macdonald, 82; Professor W.H. Morris-Jones, former director, Institute of Commonwealth Affairs, 75; Professor B.C. Roberts, emeritus professor of industrial relations, 76; M Yves Saint Laurent, fashion designer, 57; the Right Rev Professor Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, 54; Professor Laurie Taylor, sociologist, 57; Mr Robert Thomas, sculptor, 67; Mr G.E. Ward Thomas, former chairman, Trident Television, 70; Mr Mark Wright, footballer, 30.

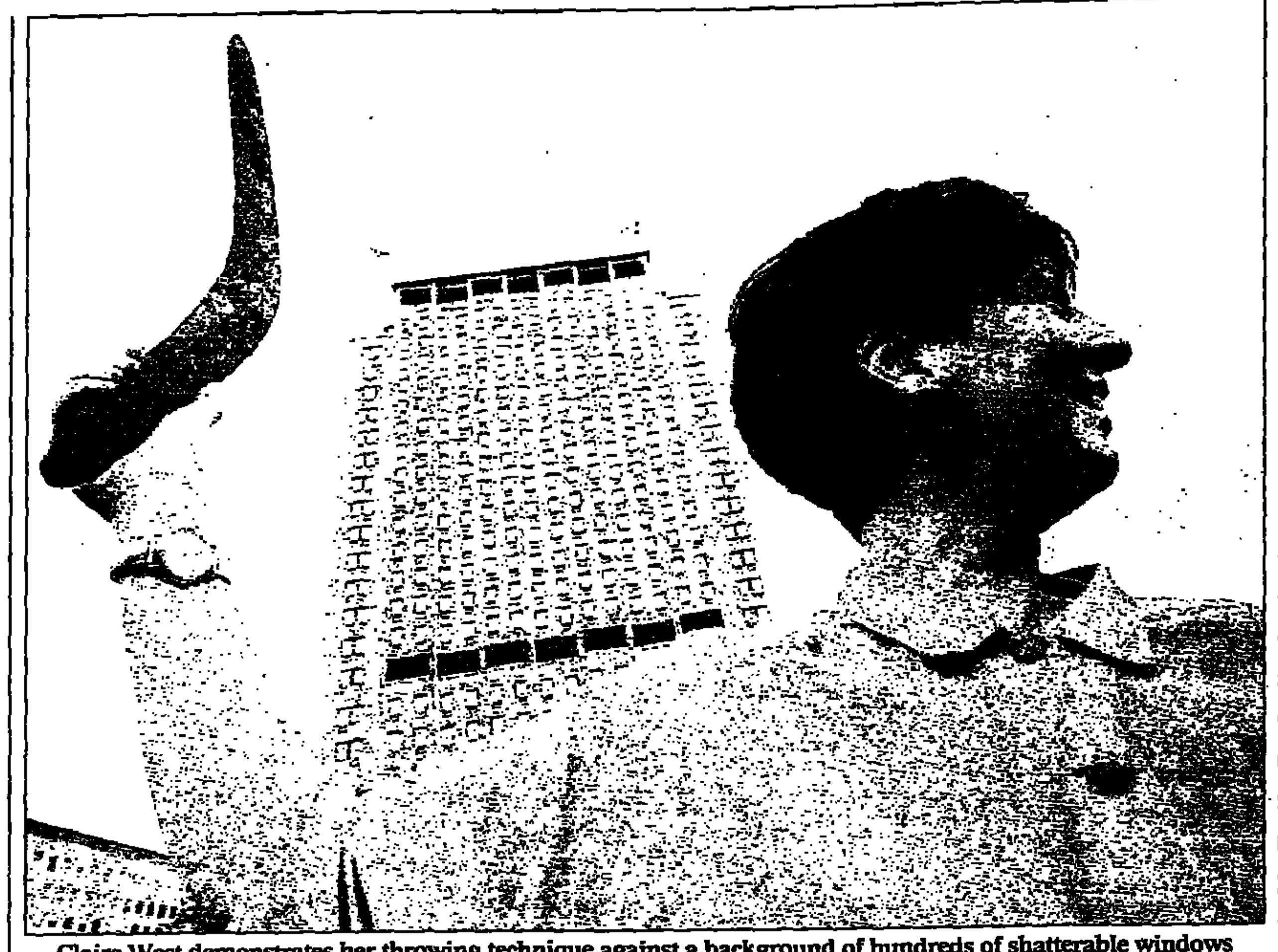
Dinner

British Maritime Charitable Foundation
Captain Ashe Lincoln, QC, RNR, trustee of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation presided at a dinner held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on July 19, for the launching of the Desmond Wettern Award. The award will consist of a trophy and monetary sum of not less than £1000 to be awarded annually to the journalist who has most contributed to public awareness of maritime affairs as they affect the United Kingdom. The guests were received at a pre-dinner reception by Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord, and Lady Layard. The special guest was Mrs Gillian Wettern.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duke of York, as commodore, will attend a reception at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at Cowes at 6.25.

SIMON WALKER



Claire West demonstrates her throwing technique against a background of hundreds of shatterable windows

Boomerangs make a well-aimed comeback

By James Landale

NATIVE Australians once used the boomerang as a weapon against the English. These days they use the cricket bat but if the touring Ashes side wants to beat the England team even more emphatically, it will find a well stocked armoury at the Festival Hall where more than 200 Aboriginal boomerangs are on show in an exhibition of early Australian life.

Despite popular mythology, few boomerangs were designed to return to the thrower. Most were simple "throwing sticks", weapons used to kill both man and beast. Those which did return to the thrower were used to imitate a bird of prey and so force a flock of birds down into nets or to within range of hunters. They were also used simply for fun.

Boomerangs date back some 10,000 years and come in all shapes and sizes; short, long, hooked and even crossed. Many are wooden but they can be made from plastic, bakelite, glass and even metal. The best mix, apparently, is compressed linen and resin.

Aboriginals held duels, dug holes, scared birds, ran competitions, conducted ceremonies and even made music with them. If ever early man had a Swiss Army knife, this was it.

The British Boomerang Society, which replaced the purposefully named Society for the Promotion and Avoidance of Boomerangs, was founded 14 years ago. With 80 members, it is bigger than its Australian equivalent. Members compete for accuracy, distance thrown, longest time aloft, how close the boomerang returns to the thrower and how many they can "juggle" in the air at one time.

The exhibition ends on August 8.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, London Cantata Mass (Vann), If ye love me (Vann), The Dean; 12.30 9th/12th Lancers Memorial Service; 1 Queen's Regimental Association Service of Remembrance, Very Rev A C Bridge, Dean Emeritus of Guildford; 3.15 E, Responses (Moorse), Joubert in C, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rt Rev G H Reid; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Precentor.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch with choir of All Soul's, Darke in F, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Final Symphonie No.6 (Vierne), Canon John Holden; 3 E with choir of All Soul's, Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flat, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Final Symphonie No.1 (Vierne); 6.30 NP, Mrs Joan Barham.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Vice Provost; 11.15 Sung Euch with choir of Great Burstead, Sumsion in F, Ave Verum (Elgar), The Provost; 6 Choral E with choir of Great Burstead, Responses (Smith), Canticles (Stanford in C), O, What Their Joy (Harris), Canon Barry Thompson.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Schubert in G, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 11.30 Choral M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jubilate, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon Christopher Biddell; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes); 6.30 E, Canon Christopher Biddell.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, The Short Service (Gibbons), Never weather-beaten sail (Parry), Rev Margaret Parker; 11.30 HC, Mass in four parts (Byrd), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Canon Hodgson; 3.30 E, Howells in G, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Stanford in C & F, Tantum ergo (Nicholson), Canon Rone; 3.45 E, Preces (Mold), Stanford in G, O for a closer walk with God (Stanford).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch with choir of All Saints, Wokingham, Missa Brevis (Haydn), Jubilate in F (Ireland), Benedictus (Haydn), Preb James Carr; 3.30 E with choir, Responses (Rose), Murrill in E, Let all the world (Leighton).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 9 Parish Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 11 Royal Regiment of Wales 25th Annual Reunion, Ven D G James; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Canticles (Stanford in C), Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon with choir of St Martin's, Roath, Responses (Radcliffe), Rev Boon-Hor Khoo.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Deacon; 10 Sung Euch, O sing joyfully (Batten), Ireland in C, Verily I say unto you (Tallis), The Treasurer; 6 E, Responses (Aylewarde), Noble in B minor, Lift up your heads (Mathias), Canon Peter Goodridge.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Missa Eliensis (Wills), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Rev C M Bonneywell; 11.30 M, Britten in C, Let thy merciful ears (Head); 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world (Leighton), Rev M C R Braybrooke.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Festival Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams), The Key (Piccolo), Canon Anthony Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa brevis (Gabrielli), If ye love me (Tallis), Ego sum pani (Byrd), Sister Hilary Markey; 3 E, Mount St Alban Service (Hogan), Deep River (Spiritual arr. Hancock), Ven Kenneth Clark; 5.45 Organ recital (Mark Lee); 6.30 ES, Canon Anthony Harvey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM with choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital, Iris Schollhorn; 3.30 Solemn V & B in English.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Rev Canon Raymond Hockley; 11.30 M, Responses (Groome), Te Deum in C (Stanford), Jubilate; 4 E, Responses (Groome), Wood in F (Collegium Regale), I was glad (Parry), Rev Leon Carberry.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: Saturday 6pm LM; Sunday 8, 10 (Family) & 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Rev Dermot Dunne.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev David Macleod; 10 HC, Missa brevis (Whitehead), Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 11.30 MS, Lord, who hast made us for thine own (Holst), Rev Howard H Gordon; St Giles' at 6, Rupert Jeffcoat (organ); 8 ES, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum & Jubilate (Britten in C), Rev Christopher Mann; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), Ave Maria (Bruckner); 3.15 E, Purcell in E minor, O clap your hands together (Gibbons), Rev Michael Saward.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Sung Euch, Prof P Stoward; 6.30 Sung E, The Provost.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa Laudate Dominum (Lassus); Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B, The Second Service (Byrd); In pace, Blitheman, Rev C L Geake.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Stephen Wookey; 6.30 Rev Christopher Hobbs.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in illo tempore (Monteverdi), Exsultate Justi (Viadana), Tantum ergo in E flat (Bruckner).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, The Heavenly Word, Rev P Elvy; 6 E, Voluntary: A voluntary for the Double Organ (Blow), Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Stanley Hood; 12.20 HC; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Factus est repente (Aichinger).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Salve Regina (Lassus), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ave verum corpus Christi (Josquin).

ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Road, London, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy, Byzantine chant and choral music sung in Greek.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Rev Gordon E Barritt.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Michael Meech.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 2 Swahili Service, Rev Francis Kigiri; 7 Choral Mass, Messe Breve in C (Gounod), Fantasie & Fugue in C minor (Reger), Rev Wayne D Swanson.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 & 11 HC, Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 E.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M 7 Euch, Benedictus (Stanford in B flat), English Gloria (Tomkins), Ave Maria (Parsons), Rev Tim Thornton; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Howells), Canticles (Wise in F), O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), Guild Chaplain John Burton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Ave Verum Corpus (Dering), Rev David Mackenzie.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: Puis qu j'ai perdu (Lassus), Deus in adjutorium (Senfl).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Ashfield in C, Haste Thee, O God (Batten), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: Services resume on September 6.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa de Angelis, Ave Maria (Guerrero), Rev Sheila Watson; 6.30 E, Sing joyfully (Byrd), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Merbecke, Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Salvator Mundi (Blow), Rev Roger Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), My beloved spake (Hadley), Jesu, the very thought of Thee (Bairstow), Voluntary: Dance (Steele), Rev John Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Byrd), Speed your journey (Verdi), Voluntary: Air & Gavotte (Wesley), Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Peter Kao; 5 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Magnificat/Dimittis (Fauxbourdons Service/Gibbons), O Lord, the maker of all thing (Mundy), Voluntary: Paean (Leighton); 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa quarti toni (Victoria), Canon Peter Pilkington; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev Saly Webster; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Merbecke Mass, Rev Peter Wells; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd); O sacrum convivium (Croce), Rev Fr Desmond Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Ave Verum (Elgar); 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: Services resume September 5.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: Services resume October 3.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC. Choral services resume September 12.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Canon J R Porter.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume October.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: Services resume October 3.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Mass (Stanford in G), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Voluntary: The Spirit of Pageantry (Fletcher), The Chaplain (Band of The Welsh Guards).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, Come Holy Ghost (Gibbons), O come ye servants of the Lord (Tye), The Chaplain.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.F. Bennett and Dr E.M. Cronin
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Antony Bennett, of Monmouth, Gwent, and Eileen, eldest daughter of Mr Bernard Cronin and the late Mrs Margaret Cronin, of Crookstown, Co Cork.

Mr S.F.T. Cooper and Miss H.A. McCoy
The engagement is announced between Sam, youngest son of Major and Mrs John Cooper, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Aine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alphonsus McCoy, of Limerick, Republic of Ireland.

Mr P.D. Hammond and Miss V.J. Kaye
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs David Hammond, of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs Henry Kaye, of Sawdon, Scarborough.

Mr H.I.P. Haydon and Miss D.R. Hosking
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Major and Mrs Henry Haydon, of Wallington, Surrey, and Davina Rose, elder daughter of Mr William R. Hosking and the late Mrs Jean Hosking, of Newquay, Cornwall.

Mr M.B. Jones and Miss M. McLeary
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Jones, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, and Marianne, youngest daughter of Mr R. McLeary, of Hill Head, Hampshire, and Mrs C.M. McLeary, of Gosport, Hampshire. The marriage will take place next year.

Mr R.H. Kennaugh and Miss V.L. Gwinner
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Kennaugh, of Port Erin, Isle of Man, and Victoria, daughter of Commander and Mrs Martin Gwinner, of Ansty, Wiltshire.

Mr J.T.F. Lageard and Fräulein S.E. Hahn
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Guido Lageard, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Susanne, only daughter of Herr and Frau Walter Hahn, of Vienna.

Mr D.V. Tipler and Miss C.F. Little
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Tipler, of Stockport, Cheshire, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Little, of Chiswick, London.

Mr J.C. Birch and Miss P.J. Long
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Dr K. Birch and of Mrs S.R. Birch, of Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, and Penny, only daughter of the late Mr R.D. Long and of Mrs P. Long, of Darley Abbey, Derbyshire.

Mr J.M.J. Lee and Miss M.D. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs Marshall Lee, of Ealing, London, and Marianne, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Gerard Macdonald, of Folkington, East Sussex.

Mr R.T. Morgan-Grenville and Miss C.M. Summerhayes
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs John Morgan-Grenville, of Petworth, West Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Summerhayes, of Harting, West Sussex.

Mr P.M. Parry and Miss M.R. Hanbury
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Commander Myles Parry, RN, and of Mrs Sara Parry, of Upper Clatford, Hampshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.S. Hanbury, of Drumstinchall, Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Mr R.M. Tilzey and Miss M. Grabrovaz
The engagement is announced between Richard Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R. Tilzey, of Beckenham, Kent, and Meaghan, daughter of Mr A.R. Grabrovaz, of Sydney, Australia, and Dr and Mrs D.P.E. Kingsley, of London, W1.

Mr P.H. Westermann and Miss C.S. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of the late Mr Harold Westermann and of Mrs Mary Westermann, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Peter Gibson, of Terrick, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

Mr H. Gwynne Brown and Mrs J.L. Davis-Worner
The marriage between Mr H. Gwynne Brown, OBE, and Mrs Lavinia Davis-Worner, née Savage, took place quietly on July 1, 1993, at St Mary's Church, Wingfield, Wiltshire.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: John Canton, scientist, Stroud, Gloucestershire, 1718; John Ericsson, inventor of the screw propellor, Langbanshyttan, Sweden, 1803.

DEATHS: St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, Rome, 1556; Maarten Tromp, Dutch admiral, off the coast of Holland, 1653; Benoît Fourneyron, inventor of the water turbine, Paris, 1867; Andrew Johnson, 17th American President 1865-69, Tennessee, 1875; Franz Liszt, composer and pianist, Bayreuth, 1886; Jean Jaurès, socialist leader, assassinated, Paris, 1914; Sir Francis Younghusband, explorer and writer, Lytchett Minster, Dorset, 1942; Owen Nares, actor-manager, Brecon, 1943.

Dr Hawley Crippen and his mistress, Ethel Le Neve, disguised as a boy, were arrested, for the murder of his wife, onboard the SS Montrose, 1910.

Cigarette commercials were banned on British television, 1965.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Penegoes, Powys, 1714; Jean Baptiste de Lamarck, naturalist, Bazentin, France, 1744; William Clark, explorer, Caroline County, Virginia, 1770; Francis Scott Key, poet, Carroll County, Maryland, 1779; Richard Henry Dana, novelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1815; Herman Melville, writer, New York, 1819; James Grant, novelist, Edinburgh, 1822.

DEATHS: Queen Anne, reigned 1702-14, London, 1714; Richard Savage, poet, Bristol, 1743; Elizabeth Inchbald, novelist, dramatist and actress, London, 1821; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China, Canton, 1834; Israel Zangwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London, 1926; Theodore Roethke, poet, Washington, 1963; Walter Ulbricht, chairman, Council of State, German Democratic Republic 1960-73, East Berlin, 1973.

Nelson defeated the French at the battle of the Nile, 1798.

Slavery was abolished in the British Empire, 1834.

Germany declared war on Russia, 1914.

The Warsaw rising, 1944.

Legal appointments

Recorders
The following to be appointed Recorders, assigned to the Wales & Chester Circuit: Keith Bush, John Terence Curran, Joseph William Gaskell, R Philip Hughes, Quentin Charles Wallington Querelle.

To be a Junior Counsel to the Crown, Common Law: Mr Paul Walker.

To be members of the Supplementary Panel of Counsel, Common Law: Mr David Anderson, Mr Nicholas Paines, Mr Christopher Vajda and, to do planning work, Mr Timothy Straker, Mr Ian Albutt, the Hon Mary Macpherson, Mr Rhodri Price Lewis and Mr Craig Howell Williams.

To be additonal Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue in Chancery matters: Mr Christopher Tidmarsh.

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St. Luke 12 : 12.26.

BIRTHS

AIKEN - On July 24th 1993 at Rush Green Hospital to Suzanne and Scott a special son Matthew, a brother for Charlotte.

CAPPELL - On July 27th 1993 to Carolyn (née Hall) and Mark, a daughter, Catherine Frances.

DAY - On July 27th, to Louise (née Dewhirst) and Jon, a beautiful daughter, Emily Louise weighing 7lb 6oz.

GRACE - On July 29th in Cambridge, to Rachel (née Jenkins) and Andrew, a son, Thomas William.

GRANT - On 21st July 1993 at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Katrina and Andrew, a son, Oliver James Fothergill, a brother for Hamish.

LAMAISON - On Tuesday 20th July 1993, to Ian and Julia, a tiny and beautiful daughter, Alice Sarah.

PAGE - On July 23rd to Joanna (née Mitchell) and Robin, a daughter, Sophie Emily, great granddaughter for Christine, granddaughter for John and Hilda, Jessica and Tony.

PICKERING - On July 22nd at the City Hospital Nottingham to Cindy (née Jackson) and Keith, a beautiful daughter Phoebe Alice.

RATTUE - On July 24th 1993 to Jacky and Andrew, a daughter Polly Elenar.

RYAN - On July 17th to Jacinta (née West) and Robert, a son Lorcan a brother for Harriet.

SHOWERING - On July 29th, to Emily (née Aziz) and Jonathan, a daughter, Lily May Emily, a sister for Eleanor.

SKINNER - On July 26th to Alison and David Skinner, a second daughter Niamh Louise, a sister for Sinéad.

TAYLOR - On 27th July to Amanda (née Brighton) and Paul, a daughter, Maisie Victoria, a sister for Florence.

VINER BOYARSKY - On 25th July, to Nick and Victoria, a son, Noah, a brother for Samuel.

WENTWORTH-STANLEY - On 30th July to Clare and Nick a daughter.

WIGGINTON - On July 19th to Jennifer (née Bennett) and Michael, a son, Dominic James Michael, and a daughter, Annabel Marie Olivia.

DEATHS

BRACEWELL - On July 28th 1993 peacefully surrounded by his family at home, Thomas Bracewell M.A., F.R.I.C.S., F.A.A.V., aged 70 years (Past Master of the Holcombe Hunt) the dearly loved husband of Shelagh, a loving father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Michael's Parish Church, Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, on Monday August 2nd 1993 at 2.30 pm prior to private interment in the family grave. Arrangements: Messrs. H Whalley & Sons, 94 Ripon Street, Preston, Lancashire Tel:0772 254936

BROOKS - Leslie (Professor) on Thursday 29th July 1993 aged 73 years after a long illness. Friends please meet for Service at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd August at 2.30 pm. Flowers (no wreaths), donations to cancer charities. Enquiries to Smurthwaite Funeral Service. Tel: 091 386 5392

de RICHEMONT - On July 28th, 1993, Robert Panon Desbassayns de Richemont, oil executive and energy expert, passed away in Paris, surrounded by his family who loved his courage and cherished him. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10.30, August 2nd, at l'Eglise Notre Dame de l'Assomption, 88 rue de l'Assomption, 75016 Paris. According to his wishes, no flowers please but donations, if desired, to Sue Ryder Homes or St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney.

FEW - Raymond died suddenly on 28th July 1993. Much loved and missed husband, father and 'grandpoppa'. Funeral Service for family and friends at St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield, near Redhill, Surrey, on Thursday 5th August at 2.30.

FORKNALL - Edna Mabel (Babs) on 28th July 1993 finally succumbed to Alzheimers Disease via Bronchopneumonia. Service on Wednesday 4th August at 10.45 at St Nicholas Church, Southfleet. Cremation at Medway Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, (Dartford Branch). Enquiries to Arthur Forknall 0474 832589

GOODEVE - Lady Janet, on 30th July 1993 peacefully in her sleep after a long illness. Funeral Service to be held on 9th August at Garston Crematorium at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Red Cross Society for their Bosnian Appeal. Enquiries to E.Seymour, 26 Marlborough Road, St Albans. Tel: 0727 853091

HETHERINGTON - On 28th July 1993 Anthony Ford, eldest son of Jeannette and the late Dr Stephen Hetherington, brother of Roger, Peter and Stephanie, tragically in a canoeing accident in Austria. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Harpsden, near Henley-on-Thames on Monday 16th August at 3pm.

HOLLARD Madame Michel, son épouse, ses enfants: Madame Francine Hollard ses enfants et petits enfants; Monsieur et Madame Florian Hollard, leurs enfants et petits enfants; Monsieur et Madame Vincent Hollard, leurs enfants et petits enfants; les familles Hollard, Monod, Gounelle, Molines: parents et alliés ont la tristesse de faire part du décès de Monsieur Michel Hollard Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur croix de guerre 1914-18 croix de guerre 1939-45 rosette de la Résistance Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) survenu dans sa 96eme année. L'inhumation a eu lieu dans la plus stricte intimité à Gorniès (Hérault). Le réseau AGIR a la tristesse de faire part du décès du Colonel Michel Hollard qui créa et commanda le réseau AGIR pendant la seconde guerre mondiale. Le Colonel Michel Hollard a créé et commandé pendant la 2ème guerre mondiale le réseau AGIR dont l'action a été décisive pour la cause alliée. Avec son réseau il a notamment découvert la plupart des bases de lancement puis l'arme du V.1 elle-même, avant sa mise en service, permettant aux forces alliées de réduire par l'aviation l'essentiel du terrible potentiel de cette arme et de sauver Londres et sa région.

KNIGHT - Peacefully at her home on July 29th Elizabeth aged 78 years late of Chawton, Hants. The funeral service at St Nicholas, Chawton on Thursday 5th August at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be made to the Marie Curie Fund c/o Charles Read & Daughter, 13 Turk Street, Alton, Hants GU34 1AG. 0420 83651.

LANCHESTER - Lilian Mary (Steve) July 29th at St Joseph's Nursing Home after short illness, widow of Mr George Lanchester. Cremation will take place on Wednesday 4th August 3.00pm at North Devon Crematorium. Flowers and all enquiries to A G Simmonds & Sons, Trinity Street, Barnstaple. Tel 0271 42774.

NISBET - On July 29th 1993, peacefully in hospital following a short illness, Rupert, aged 86. Beloved husband of Margaret and dearly loved father of Iain. Private Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday August 3rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Friends of Verrington Hospital, Wincanton, Somerset. Service of Thanksgiving at a later date, to be announced.

PERKINS - Geoffrey Charles. The number stated for Sole & Son was incorrect. The correct number is 0608 644112.

PRATT - Hugh, aged 92, fell asleep at home amongst family on July 28th to join his beloved Ingeborg, wife for over 60 years. Loved and respected by family, friends and many others. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Friday August 6th at 3pm.

RIVETT-CARNAC - On 28th July 1993 peacefully Lorna Evelyn Pemberton aged 81 years, Widow of the late Charles Francis, darling mother of Jackie and Clive and much loved Little Granny of Guy, Mark and Nick and all her great grandchildren. Funeral at St Mary's Bepton on Wednesday 11th August at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to The Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Messrs L.F. Lintott and Son, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex.

SIMMONS-BREENE - On Tuesday, 27th July, passed peacefully away at Chacombe, Richard Arnold Simmons-Breene, beloved husband of "Mouse" Simmons-Breene.

STROTHER - On July 28th 1993 Fleming suddenly aged 92. Cremation Service at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel on August 4th at 12.15 pm.

WILLIAMS - On 29th July, suddenly after a long illness, Molly of Marlesford, Suffolk, dear wife, mother, granny, great grandmama. Funeral at Marlesford 3 pm on Tuesday 3rd August.

WILSON - Bert. Journalist and Public Relations Consultant of St Monica Grove, Durham. Devoted and loving husband of Dorothy and father of Martin and Jennifer, sadly passed away 28th July 1993 aged 79 years. Friends please meet for Service at United Reformed Church, Claypath, Durham City on Tuesday 3rd August at 12.15 pm. Flowers and tributes to the church please, enquiries to Smurthwaite Funeral Service, Durham City. Tel: 091-386 5392.

MARRIAGES

LAIRD:AYLWARD - On Monday July 26th 1993 at Brockweir Moravian Chapel, Iain, son of Mrs A E Laird and the late Dr G M Laird to Annabel, daughter of Mr & Mrs P G Aylward of Hamble.

ANNIVERSARIES

VALERIE - With lots of love on our 1st Wedding Anniversary, lots of love J.J.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEARD - Memorial Service for Dr. John Beard has been arranged by his family and the Royal College of Anaesthetists at 12 midday, Friday 17th of September at St. Clement Danes, Aldwych, London WC 1. The attendance of colleagues, friends, and family would be much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

CHESHIRE - In greatful memory of Group Captain Lord Cheshire V.C., O.M., D.S.O., D.F.C., our Founder, who died on 31st July 1992. From all at The Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

NATHAN - Remembering today and every day our beloved Mohan who died tragically in the Thai airbus disaster in Nepal on 31st July 1992.

SHERINGHAM - Donald. Memories are not shackles, they are garlands.

WELLS - Dr Calvin 1908-78 In other worlds I loved you long ago. Love that has no beginning has no end. Freddie.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

GOODMAN, Sheilah Eve of 101 Elm Tree Court, Elm Tree Road, London, NW8 died on 17th June 1993: Particulars to Messrs. Hamlin Slowe Solicitors of Roxburghe House 273/287 Regent Street, London W1A 4SQ before 1st October 1993.

HAMER, REGINALD of 105 Marshfoot Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex died on 24th April 1993: Particulars to B P Collins & Co. Solicitors of Collins House, 32-38 Station Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8EL before 1st October 1993.

MARCH, MURIEL MAY, late of Overbeck, Station Lane, Ormesby East, York Died 3rd March 1993: Particulars to: Matthew Wilkinson Solicitors, 39 Albert Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 1NX before 1st October 1993.

MR JOHN CHARLES FRANCIS GORDON of Maidstone, Kent, died 9 May 1993. We would like to trace his wife, unfortunately we have no information about her whatsoever. Could the lady who is, or was once married to Mr. J.C.F.Gordon please contact Miss A.Rance, Benefits Department, Kodak Limited, PO Box 66, Kodak House, Station Road Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1JU. Before Jan. 31st 1994.

WALKER, Margaret late of Ard[illegible] Hotel, Asheldon Road, Wellswood, Torquay Devon TQ1 2QN who died on 12th April 1991: Particulars to Hewetts Solicitors, 55-57 London Street Reading, RG1 4PS, before 1st October 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 005429 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF OWEN & ROBINSON RETAIL LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 14th day of July 1993, confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £5,666,687, was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 22nd day of July 1993.
Travers Smith Braithwaite
30th July 1993
Solicitors for the Company

No.005430 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF OWEN & ROBINSON Plc
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 14th day of July 1993, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £15,000,000.04 to £6,844,204.80, the reduction of the capital redemption reserve of the above-named Company by £600,000 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £3,302,380.76, and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act, were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 14th day of July 1993
Travers Smith Braithwaite
30th July 1993
Solicitors for the Company.

BIRTHDAYS

BLANCHE - Happy 39th Birthday to a special friend. With much love, forever, Chr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHILANTHROPIST And Partner wishes to participate in London/Brighton Rally as co-driver. Reply to Box No 3185

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OBITUARIES

LORD CRAIGTON

Lord Craigton, CBE, PC, Minister of State, Scottish Office, 1959-64, and as Jack Nixon Browne, former Conservative MP for the Govan and Craigton divisions of Glasgow, died on July 28 aged 88. He was born on September 3, 1904.



THOUGH a thorough-going Englishman in birth and background, it fell to Jack Nixon Browne's lot to serve in both the Commons and the Lords north of the Scottish border, where he had developed business interests before the war. His was a reticent career and he never had any desire to cut a great public figure. In the Lords he made more of an impact, perhaps, than he had in the Commons, where he sat as Conservative member for Glasgow Govan, 1950-55, and for Glasgow Craigton, 1955-59. In later life he was active in conservation issues and did much useful work on committees and organisations at a time before such matters were the burning issues they are today.

His elevation to the peerage as Lord Craigton immediately following his defeat in the general election of 1959 caused a storm of protest from the Liberal Party which described it as "an affront to democracy". But the new peer went on to have a useful career of service to Scotland as Minister of State, Scottish Office. He exerted himself particularly in trying to improve Scotland's trading position abroad, notably in Europe, where, in particular, he felt that topographically similar countries such as Austria and Sweden might be exploited as markets for Scottish products ranging from knitwear and whisky to heavy machinery.

Jack Nixon Browne Browne was born at Rugby and educated at Cheltenham College. He went into business as an electrical equipment supplier and insurance broker and became director and chairman of several companies. He developed strong business links with Glasgow and was, at the same time, an executive member of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce for a number of years before becoming chairman after the war.

In August 1939, with war imminent, he volunteered as an aircraftsman in the RAF and was attached to No 945 Auxiliary Balloon Squadron. He showed much ability as an organiser and administrator, and was transferred to the Organisation Branch of Balloon Command Headquarters. By 1945 he had reached the rank of group captain and was appointed CBE.

His first parliamentary contest was in 1945, when he unsuccessfully stood for the Govan division of Glasgow, being thoroughly trounced by the socialist candidate in the year of the Labour landslide. But he stood again at the general election of February 1950 and his winning of the seat by a majority of 373 votes in a four-cornered fight was one of the surprises of the election. For the previous 31 years the local MP had been a well-known socialist, Neil Maclean, an organiser for the Scottish Wholesale Co-operative Society.

In October 1951 Browne held this seat, this time with a majority of 241 in a straight fight. Before the next contest came round the boundaries of the constituency were revised, and it was re-named Craigton. Nevertheless, Browne held it by a majority of 210, again in a straight fight with Labour.

He had twice fought municipal seats in Glasgow before the war, and had made a special study of social conditions in that and other highly industrialised cities. This experience proved invaluable when James Stuart, the Secretary of State for Scotland, appointed him as his Parliamentary Private Secretary in 1952. Browne held this appointment until 1955, when he was given office as Joint Under-Secretary for Scotland. His duties included Scottish health, housing, local government and planning.

At the general election of October 1959 Craigton was one of the Conservative marginal seats, and with the political tide in Glasgow and Scotland flowing against his party, Browne's defeat by 602 votes came as no surprise.

Meanwhile, Lord Forbes, who had been Minister of State at the Scottish office, had announced that he did not wish to continue in office after the general election. The prime minister, Harold Macmillan, appointed Browne as Lord Forbes's successor, granting him a life peerage at the same time. Besides his interest in improving Scotland's position abroad the new Lord Criagton was energetic in a campaign which was dear to his heart — fair rents for the Scottish people.

He maintained a broad range of interests: in 1965 he wrote a textbook on parliamentary procedure intended as a "handy guide" for individuals who wanted to get a bill considered. Conservation was another of his concerns and in 1972 he was made chairman of the Council for Environmental Conservation which had been set up in 1969 to co-ordinate the activities of conservationist organisations such as the National Trust. He remained chairman until 1983. He was also chairman of the All Party Conservation Group of both Houses of Parliament.

In 1974 Craigton came into the public eye when he was called as a witness in the Poulson corruption trial at Leeds Crown Court. In evidence he said that William George Pottinger, the senior civil servant accused of corruption, had put himself in the wrong from the beginning by accepting gifts from John Poulson. Craigton described Pottinger's conduct as "highly improper".

Craigton was chairman of the Federation of Zoological Gardens, 1975-81, and a vice-president of the World Wildlife Fund (British National Appeal). In 1980 he introduced a private member's bill, which became an act, calling for the compulsory licensing of zoos; 75 per cent of private animal collections, he claimed, ought to be closed immediately.

Craigton was chairman of United Biscuits (Holdings) from 1967 to 1972 and in retirement from that post was a highly active president of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution.

He leaves his widow Eileen and a son from a previous marriage.

SYBIL SMITH

Sybil Smith, riding mistress, died in Holyport, Berkshire, on July 26 aged 91. She was born in London in 1902.



SYBIL SMITH, first riding mistress to the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, was very much a one-off character in the equestrian world. Confidence, good manners, safety and elegance were demanded by her from both pupil and horse, and Smith never considered the latter to be a dumb beast.

Once when she was judging stallions at the Duke of Richmond's indoor riding school at Goodwood, some of the horses began to rear up, and the rebelliousness spread. "Behave!", Smith called out in a firm voice. The horses took one look at the formidable woman and unanimously decided to calm down.

The elegance in the saddle which she demanded from riders was achieved with some effort. In order to cultivate ramrod straight posture, pupils rode with their riding whips across their backs, held in place behind their elbows. It could be excruciatingly painful.

Smith relished her pupils' success in competitive riding. Her biggest thrill was when, in 1971, the Princess Royal won the European Horse Trial three-day championship on a horse, Doublet, bred by the Queen. People who have watched Prince Charles and the Princess Anne ride, over the years, say that his confidence in the hunting field and hers in eventing and in steeple chasing was instilled from those early lessons with Smith. The Princess Royal recalled: "There was a large grey cob ridden by Miss Smith and two rather small grey ponies ridden by Charles and me on either side." Both ponies were linked to Smith's hands by leading reins as a safety measure.

Riding was in the blood for Smith. Her mother taught the art of side-saddle riding and showed horses with some success. Her father, Horace Doyan-Smith, rode his own hunters to win at the top shows and also drove a coach-and-four in competition and in Hyde Park.

Doyan-Smith had founded a large school in Cadogan Lane near Belgrave Square before the second world war.

During the 1930s, he and his daughter taught the Queen and Princess Margaret to ride as well as visiting film stars who rode in Rotten Row. But the school was too badly damaged during the Blitz to continue on that site, and was later re-established at Holyport near Maidenhead.

By the age of 20 Sybil Smith was winning at the Royal International Horse Show and driving a pair to an elegant carriage, but it was her displays in the provinces during the riding school classes at the big summer shows that brought her widespread renown as a teacher and attracted thousands of pupils from aristocratic families.

Princess Alexandra, the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael all began their equestrian training at Holyport and the Queen had a special affection for the woman who taught her children to enjoy her own favourite hobby.

Smith carried on being "Miss Smith" to former pupils long after their grandchildren had come to learn. Her approval was sought on many things and sometimes given without being sought. One side-saddle rider brought a boyfriend to help with her lesson. He replaced the jumps when they were knocked down, altered her stirrup leathers and generally made himself useful. Smith noted, and advised: "You ought to marry that young man. He's got beautiful manners. He's been very well trained." The girl did.

Smith herself never married.

VINCENT SCHAEFER

Vincent Joseph Schaefer, an American chemist who invented the process of seeding clouds to produce rain and snow, died in New York on July 25 aged 87. He was born on July 4, 1906.

MAN'S age-old dream of controlling the weather almost came to pass on November 13, 1946, when Vincent Schaefer scattered dry ice pellets from an aircraft into a stratus cloud at 14,000 feet, and snow began to fall. True, it evaporated before it reached the ground, but subsequent experiments were more successful.

Schaefer, a research associate working for the General Electric Company who had left school at the age of 16 to help support his family, suddenly found himself at the centre of world-wide publicity.

The possibilities seemed enormous. Cloud-seeding was hailed as a means of ending droughts, controlling storms, fighting forest fires, and even ensuring a white Christmas. Schaefer, a keen skier, looked forward to producing reliably covered slopes.

Then came the snags. Farmers in the western United States who began to seed clouds in an effort to stave off seasonal droughts found themselves accused of stealing the rain which might otherwise have fallen somewhere else. The lawyers argued over legal ownership of the water in a cloud, and there were complaints about the disruption of normal weather patterns. Technically, too, Schaefer discovered practical difficulties.

Although seeding the right type of cloud would produce precipitation it was, he said, "difficult to aim a cloud".

The technique, later refined with the use of silver iodide crystals instead of dry ice, is still used in some countries to make rain and to disperse clouds over airports, but the hoped-for potential has never been realised.

Vincent Schaefer began his working life as a tree surgeon — the only subject in which he received any formal education, although he was later to publish more than 300 scientific papers, and to become founder and director of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Centre at the State University of New York. "If I found anything, it's most likely because I didn't know better" he once said.

It was this knack for simplicity that first drew him to the attention of Irving Langmuir, the Nobel laureate physicist, who was working for General Electric in the pre-war years.

Schaefer, who had become a General Electric apprentice and was working as a model maker in the firm's laboratory, so impressed Langmuir with the quality of his work that he became the scientist's research assistant and protégé.

The cloud-seeding idea sprang from Schaefer's wartime research efforts.

In a bid to find ways of preventing supercooled droplets in high clouds from forming dangerous ice on aircraft wings, he proposed blasting holes through the clouds with compressed carbon dioxide bullets. The by-product of the experiment turned out to be snow.

JAMES CONNOLLY

James Connolly, wartime Assistant Director of Aircraft Production and first professor of Aircraft Economics and Production at the Cranfield College of Aeronautics, died in London on July 21 aged 85. He was born in Sydney on October 24, 1907.



The glider designed by Connolly and students at Sydney University in 1929-31

IT WAS a degree thesis on the design of an advanced fighter plane, written as early as 1930, that brought James Connolly from Sydney to Britain to work on the development of the Hawker Hurricane. Connolly's theories interested Sir Sydney Camm, Hawker's chief designer, and the resulting correspondence between the two men led to an open-ended invitation to Connolly. After a spell at Hawker, Connolly was involved in the development of a number of aircraft types at the Ministry of Aircraft Production during the war.

Afterwards he held the first chair of aircraft economics and production at the Cranfield College of Aeronautics from 1948 to 1955 and he also founded the Sundridge Park Management Centre.

James Valentine Connolly was educated at St Aloysius College, Melbourne. At 16 he began a long correspondence with C. G. Grey, editor of *The Aeroplane* magazine in London — to the considerable benefit of early airmail services.

From school Connolly went on to the Royal Australian Air Force base at Mount Cook to gain his pilot's wings in December 1925. The following year he entered Sydney University as an engineering student, as a pilot with the Australian Citizen Air Force and as a member of the Australian branch of the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers of the UK. At the university gliding club he led an undergraduate team in the design, building and flying of a training glider of which he was both test pilot and flying instructor.

In 1930 he gained a civil engineering degree and the Geoffrey Sullman Prize for Aeronautics for a thesis on the design of a light fighter monoplane of advanced stressed-skin construction. Its details, published in the journal of the Australian Institute of Engineers, led to a correspondence with Sir Sydney Camm and an invitation to join the Hawker design team when he could get himself to England.

By then Connolly had joined the small Turgan Aircraft Company and become secretary of the Australian branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

In 1935 he sailed for England as "13th engineer" aboard a small P & O steamer, and on arrival he took up with Hawker the promised staff appointment on the development of the new Hurricane fighter.

In 1936, further to widen his experience, Connolly joined the small British Aircraft Manufacturing Company under the veteran George Handasyde to work on the Double Eagle twin-engine monoplane. In 1937 he moved on to join the Accident Investigation Branch of the Air Ministry whence, from July 1938 he was appointed to be technical assistant to Dr Harold Roxbee-Cox (now Lord Kings Norton) at the newly formed Air Registration Board.

With the outbreak of war Connolly went with Roxbee-Cox, first to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and then, in 1941, to the Ministry of Aircraft Production as Assistant Director of Aircraft Production. As such he had special responsibility for the de Havilland Mosquito fighter-bomber and subsequently for the Handley Page Halifax heavy bomber.

In 1946 Connolly was seconded by the Minister of Supply to the government of India to help with the development of the Hindustan HT-2 monoplane trainer and the building of the DH Vampire jet fighter under licence at Bangalore.

In 1947 he was seconded to the new Cranfield College of Aeronautics as Reader in aircraft economics. In 1948 this became the chair in aircraft economics and production. Connolly held the professorship for the next eight years.

In 1955 Connolly accepted an invitation from Earnest Button, chairman of Personnel Administration (PA) Ltd to set up, as an educational trust, the Sundridge Park Management Centre. Connolly became its principal and governor. With success, the initial programme of eight three-week courses a year was much expanded in 1963.

Connolly retired from Sundridge in 1968 at the age of 61 to become a board member of Northwood Metric Services Limited and a partner in Polycon Building Industry Consultants — both engaged in converting leading manufacturing companies in the UK, the USA and Canada to the metric system. In 1971 Connolly went to Mauritius as a United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (Unido) consultant to the island's government on the conversion of an archaic combination of early British, French and African systems to comprehensive, up to date, metrication. Latterly, he acted as a consultant to the Institute of Production Engineers on special projects including research and development.

Throughout his life Connolly was an accomplished and prolific writer on production engineering, administration and management subjects. He ranged also into biochemistry and aviation history. He was in the process of reviewing a book for the Royal Aeronautical Society when he died of a heart attack following an operation for a perforated ulcer.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and by their son and daughter.

ROWAN BENTALL

Rowan Bentall, DL, President of Bentalls, the department store group based in Kingston upon Thames, died on July 24 aged 81. He was born in Surbiton on November 27, 1911.



ROWAN BENTALL was the third generation of Bentalls to head the family business. The famous flagship Kingston department store — something of a suburban Harrods — was founded in 1867 by his grandfather, Frank Bentall, as a small drapery business, and the impressive façade was added in the 1930s.

Behind it almost everything has changed, but the group is still family-run. Rowan Bentall was chairman from 1968 to 1978, succeeding his brother Gerald. He worked for Bentalls for over 60 years and published a book about the history of the firm — *My Store of Memories* — in 1974.

Rowan Bentall went to Eastbourne College and worked at Harrods for a year, before being posted behind the counter at Kingston. Six years later he became a member of the board.

On the outbreak of the second world war, he joined the Army as a private in the East Surrey Regiment. Later he was commissioned in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and served with the Eighth Army in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, before landing with the first assault on D-Day at Normandy.

On his return to Kingston he was made merchandise director of the store. Bentall enjoyed organising promotions, and his flair led to some memorable events, including "Italy in Kingston" in 1955, and "Friendly Finland", in 1976, which helped British Aerospace win a lucrative contract for the Hawk aircraft.

In 1968 Bentall was made chairman of the group. He saw turnover more than double during his period in office and added a new store at Bracknell to the growing Bentalls empire.

In 1937 he married Adelia Hawes, who died in 1986. He is survived by their two daughters and three sons, the eldest of whom, Edward, is the present chairman of Bentalls.

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SIR EDMUND GOSSE'S LIBRARY

Sotheby's sale yesterday of the first part of the library of the late Sir Edmund Gosse brought a total of £9,676 for 182 lots. The selection was almost entirely of modern authors, though one of the highest prices of the afternoon——£400——was paid by Mr. Spencer for the Westmoreland MS. of the "Poems" of Dr. John Donne, probably presented by the author to his friend Rowland Woodward.

The outstanding general feature of the sale centred in the Thomas Hardy section, 30 lots, fetching nearly one-half of the day's total. The series began with the rough draft of the MS. of "Wessex Folk," 21 quarto pages and nine other pages of varying sizes, presented to the late owner, with a letter to him from Hardy dated Max Gate, July 18, 1913. This lot fell at £740 to Messrs. Bickers, who also gave £340 for the autograph MS. of the poem "God's Funeral," 17 stanzas and four lines, four pages quarto, also presented by the author to the late owner.

Remarkable prices were paid for the first editions of Hardy, notably "Far from the Madding Crowd," 1874——£165 (Hacket, of New York); "The Triumphant Major", 1880——£46 (Hollings); the following, mostly presentation copies, inscribed by the author: "The Woodlanders," 1887——£215 (Maggs); "A Group of Noble Dames," 1891——£130 (Heffer, of Cambridge); "Two on a Tower," 1892——£220; "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," 1892, with an autograph letter from the author inserted referring to the book and its critics——£70; a presentation copy of the same book——£90; "Life's Little Ironies," 1894——£115 (these were purchased by Messrs. Bickers); "The Return of the Native," 1895——£36 (Quaritch); "Desperate Remedies," 1896——£72 (Bickers); "Jude the Obscure," 1896——£130 (Maggs); "The Well-Beloved," 1897——£85 (Hollings); "Wessex Poems," 1898——£130 (Bickers); "Poems of the Past and Present," 1902——£100 (Bickers); "The Dynasts," 1904-8——£250 (Hackett); "Time's Laughingstocks and other Verses," 1909——£110; "A Changed Man," 1913——£68; "Satires of Circumstance," 1914——£205 (these three were bought by Messrs. Bickers); "Moments of Vision and Miscellaneous Poems," 1917——£145 (Hollings); and "The Famous Tragedy of the Queen of Cornwall," 1923——£70 (Bickers).

Other first editions in the order of sale were:——M. Arnold, "Alaric at Rome," 1840, with a letter from the author to Mr. Gosse, 1888——£46 (Tregaskis); two inscribed presentation copies of Sir J. M. Barrie, "The Little Minister," 1891——£68; and "Tommy and Grizel," 1900——£160 (both bought by Messrs. Maggs); G. Borrow, "The Gold Horns," with Borrow's holograph MS. of the translation, edited by E. Gosse for private circulation, 1913——£39 (Quaritch); J. Boswell, "Life" of Dr. Johnson, 1794——£86 (Hendriks); C. Bronte, holograph MS. of "Friendship's Offering for 1820," two leaves written in a minute hand——£95 (Spencer); W. Collins, "Oriental Ecologues," 1757——£58 (Dobell); J. Conrad, "Typhoon and Other Stories," 1903, presentation copy——£50; and "Youth, a Narrative," 1902, similar copy——£65 (both bought by Messrs. Maggs); three by H. Fielding, "Joseph Andrews," 1742——£120 (Quaritch); "Tom Jones," 1749, £140, and "Amelia," 1752, £58 (both bought by Mr. Hollings).

ON THIS DAY

July 31 1928

Sir Edmund Gosse (1849-1928), poet, critic and man of letters, had many friends among the leading writers of his time. The sale of his considerable library aroused keen interest. The prices for some first editions would raise eyebrows today.

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY JULY 31 1993

NEWS

ERM adrift despite £31bn bid

■ Europe's political leaders looked perilously close to losing their battle with the financial markets after an attack on the exchange-rate mechanism of unprecedented ferocity.

The politicians launched a verbal assault in defence of the currency system they have striven to protect with high interest rates even in a deepening recession ..... **Pages 1, 9, 17**

Major refuses to change tack

■ John Major scrambled bloodied but defiant from the *wreckage of the Christchurch by-election débâcle* to declare that he would not surrender over unpopular but necessary policies such as the imposition of VAT on domestic heating bills ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Rees-Mogg thwarted

Euro-sceptics conceded that the final attempt to block the Maastricht treaty appeared to be doomed after Lord Rees-Mogg failed in the High Court to prevent the government ratifying the *treaty*..... **Pages 1, 6**

Biarritz arrests

Two men were arrested in Biarritz, southwest France, by police investigating an attack in which a *British woman, 18, was left for dead* ..... **Page 1**

Roddick damages

Body Shop, the "green" cosmetic group, and its founders Gordon and Anita Roddick were awarded £276,000 in libel damages by the High Court over a Channel Four programme ..... **Page 1**

£1.15m forfeit

Asil Nadir's former wife and a close friend were told to pay £1.15 million into court ..... **Page 3**

Making waves

The new Tate Gallery in St Ives has entered the great modern art debate, dividing visitors since it opened a month ago..... **Page 4**

Luring the young

Evangelical Christian groups are targeting youth "raves" in an *attempt to turn them off drugs* and on to Christianity..... **Page 7**

Negotiations struggle

Bosnia negotiators struggled to keep the Muslims talking in Geneva as the battlefield toll rose ..... **Page 8**

Bundesbank support

The Bundesbank, under attack across Europe, enjoyed a favourable *press at home*..... **Page 9**

Vigilante friars

Franciscan friars have formed *vigilante squads to protect churches* in Assisi against bombings, *and amateur archaeologists have* offered to guard ancient monuments *in Rome* ..... **Page 10**

Hezbollah snubbed

Israel said it would not stop its offensive in *south Lebanon until* Hezbollah guerrillas stop firing rockets..... **Page 11**

Schoolboys add to Nessie mania

■ The annual hunt for the Loch Ness monster is moving into high gear led by a team of British scientists, a cable television station, dedicated monster hunters and numerous locals. But the real excitement centres on two boys who claim to have sighted the monster — and photographed her..... **Page 5**



DES JENSON

Toasting success: Iris Bentley celebrates the posthumous partial pardon for her brother Derek with her daughter Maria. Report, page 3

BUSINESS

ERM collapse: Massive intervention by European central banks did little to stop half the currencies in the ERM falling on their floor levels as market analysts reckoned only a weekend deal could save the system from collapse..... **Page 17**

Double dealing: Sharelink, the telephone share service, scored a double as a 38p premium tempted investors to sell their shares through the company..... **Page 17**

Power play: Regulator Stephen Littlechild warned the generating companies that he would refer them to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by Christmas if there was evidence that their pricing was excessive..... **Page 18**

Shares firm: *The London stock* market rose steeply as dealers hoped for interest rate cuts, the FTSE 100 index climbing 8.9 points to 2926.5. The pound was largely sidelined by the chaos within the ERM..... **Page 20**

Cricket: Michael Atherton, England's *new captain, is believed to* favour the recall of specialist wicket-keeper Jack Russell for the fifth Test match against Australia which will start next Thursday at Edgbaston..... **Page 32**

Yachting: "His is a talent in high demand; he has five world titles on his CV, dual passports and a split personality to match" — Barry Pickthall assesses the career of Harold Cudmore..... **Page 30**

Golf: "I used to fight to win major championships. Now I fight to make the cuts. I feel tired. I don't feel like playing. Maybe I need a break" — a disconsolate Seve Ballesteros talks to John Hopkins at the Scandinavian Masters in Gothenburg..... **Page 27**

Motorcycling: Oliver Holt reviews the 500cc world championship which is poised on a knife-edge as it enters the tenth round of the 14-race series tomorrow..... **Page 28**

Senegal's singing superstar: Not *so long ago, Youssou N'Dour* was being groomed as the first Third World *superstar since Bob Marley.* But his album sales were disappointing. Now he *just wants to* make modern African music that is also accessible to Western audiences..... **Page 14**

Epic journeys: The Los Angeles Philharmonic and Esa-Pekka Salonen have recorded Sibelius's *symphonic poem, Kullervo* in a welcome addition to the classical *catalogue. Mariss Jansons and the* Oslo Philharmonic do Sibelius proud in their new recording of his Symphony No 2..... **Page 14**

Where East meets West: Istanbul's *21st summer festival of music and* dance featured a wealth of British *performers this year: among them* the London Symphony Orchestra, *the Academy of Ancient Music, and* the Royal Ballet making its Turkish debut..... **Page 14**

Racing certainty: Libby Purves celebrates Cowes Week, an institution cheerfully continuing to defy every *story of its decline*..... **Page 1**

Letting off steam: Every boy's *dream is to drive a steam train* when he grows up — now you can, on a weekend course..... **Page 2**

Cook of the year: Don't keep your culinary skills to yourself. Find out about our new competition to win a coveted *Times* title..... **Page 4**

Striving for perfection: Ruth Gledhill spends the sabbath at a thriving *synagogue in Harrogate that* warmly welcomes visitors who are not Jews..... **Page 6**

Go wild: An invitation for children to visit London zoo free — and enter the picture competition, with the chance to be a keeper for a day..... **Page 8**

On the night shift: What the best *dressed nightclub managers are* wearing this year, both on and off duty..... **Page 10**

Billy Roche's dramas of small-town Irish life have been adapted from stage to screen. *The Wexford Trilogy* (BBC2, today, 9pm)..... **Page 16**

Dot Burrows is the warden of a hostel for young male offenders. Her policy is to see the best in people but her patience is often strained. *Everyman: Dot, Top Men and the Joeys* (BBC1, tomorrow, 10.30pm)..... **Page 17**

Let them eat words

If the ERM is suspended the French *and other* ERM governments will have to explain why the lost war for fixed parities was worth years of sacrifice..... **Page 13**

Cold comforts

As ministers disperse for some recreation, *it is as though the party* is wanting to lose..... **Page 13**

Hope and experience

In a week of by-election brutality and ERM turmoil, Chris Patten's speech on the march of liberty showed that politics can still be an inspirational craft..... **Page 13**

SIMON JENKINS

Switzerland's vast 4,000 m peaks defy all attempts to tame them. Every year somebody picks up the gauntlet — and loses..... **Page 12**

JANET BUSH

Putting monetary union before political union was always an attempt to build a roof before walls and foundations..... **Page 12**

The Met Office chief executive defends weather forecasts..... **Page 13**

Since last September, the central German bank has been doing its job. It has been committed to a *constant policy of lowering its in*terest rates

Le Monde

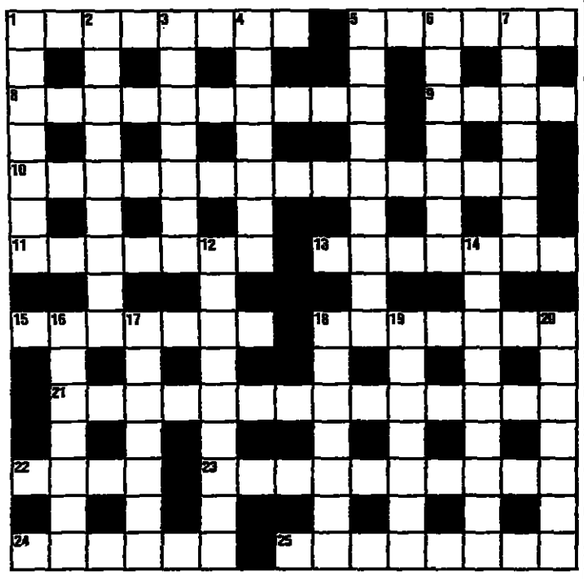
THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,297

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A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address .....

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ACROSS

1 Sex, humour, drama, story, stars — these ultimately make pictures (1-4).
4 Professional backing of number is forecast (9).
9 *Clarinets taken wrongfully by a* thief (9).
10 Prayer *for mercy* (5)
11 Load cargo back into river boat (6)
12 Bill, embraced by Miss immune to Cupid's darts, is not invincible (8).
14 No longer in trouble out to sea from Dutch port (3,3,4).
16 *In talks, wrapped up the agree*ment (4).
19 *The colour of English vineyard* (4).
20 Angel about to deliver a bribe (10).
22 Bridge players interrupted by greeting and confrontation (4-4).
23 Derive from another writer (6).
26 Scholar — one failing in this subject at school (5).
27 Kind of ship that at first gains favour with sailors (4-5).
28 It's a problem, taking care of sister at a party (9).
29 Girl making witty remark (5).

DOWN

1 It can be played without holding playschool up (9).
2 Caustic initially after King Charles I died (5).
3 Characterised by caution, they last out (8).
4 I entered the expected score for match (4).
5 Stranded and broke (2,3,5)
6 Things look different when it's dark (6).
7 *It's right to feature directors* (9).
8 Sometimes we deport an alien (5).
13 There's a war brewing up for maritime flier (10).
15 *Neglected, because of the energy* required, to clear up (9).
17 *It's worth changing a method* that's casual (9).
18 *Drinks heavily in clubs and stirs* (8).
21 *Rum issue is likely to be success*ful (4-2).
22 *Shrub French writer raised* (5).
24 Robots a learner found in the *country* (5).
25 Established a company (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,291

S	A	B	O	T		A	P	P	A	R	A	T	U	S
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,296

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: P Lilly, Holly Corts, Hollow Road, Widdington, Essex; A C Morris, Mill Lodge, Reigate Road, Reigate, Surrey; R Beare, Scraggs Farm, Cowden, Kent; I D Kimberley, Ashfield, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire; J Whittam, Yew Tree Park Road, Cheadle Hume, Cheshire.

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Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
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LONDON

Yesterday: *Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C* (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F) Humidity: 6pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,013.7 millibars, rising 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Finningley, South Yorkshire 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen 0.59in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife 9.9hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F) Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.5hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.7hr.

Much of England and Wales will be dry with sunny spells. Occasional showers over western and northern regions, dying out in the evening. Showers and sunny intervals over Scotland but showers becoming lighter as cloud spreads from the west, with patchy rain into the Western Isles later. Northern Ireland mainly dry, but becoming cloudier. Rather cool. Outlook: patchy rain over northern parts on Sunday, spreading southeast on Monday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alicante	31	88	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Amst'dm	18	64	r	Miami*	34	93	f
Athens	34	93	s	Milan	30	86	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Moscow	17	63	r
Bangkok	31	88	f	Munich	29	84	s
Barcelona	27	81	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Beirut	27	81	f	Naples	31	88	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Berlin	27	81	f	N York*	32	90	f
Bermuda*	29	84	c	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	22	72	c	Oslo	14	57	r
Brussels	19	66	f	Paris	19	66	r
B Aires*	10	50	c	Peking	29	84	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	15	59	f
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Reykjavik	11	52	s
Chicago*	25	77	f	Rhodes	33	91	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Rio de J	32	90	s
Cologne	26	77	s	Riyadh	45	113	f
C'phagn	17	63	f	Rome	27	81	s
Corfu	32	90	s	Salzburg	29	84	s
Dublin	17	63	c	S F'isco*	17	63	c
Faro	31	88	s	Sing'por	33	97	f
Florence	33	91	s	St'kholm	20	68	f
Funchal	24	75	s	Sydney	18	61	f
Geneva	30	86	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Helsinki	21	70	f	Tenerife	28	82	s
Hong K	32	90	f	Tokyo	27	81	c
Innsbruck	31	88	s	Tunis	35	95	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	r
L Palmas	25	77	s	Venice	30	86	s
Lisbon	24	75	s	Vienna	29	84	s
L Angels*	22	72	c	Wash'ton*	34	93	c
Luxemb'g	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	12	54	f
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	30	86	s

* denotes figures are latest available

London 9.20 pm to 4.53 am
Bristol 9.30 pm to 5.03 am
Edinburgh 9.52 pm to 4.45 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.53 am
Penzance 9.37 pm to 5.20 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.23 am — Sun sets: 8.50 pm

Moon rises: 7.25 pm — Moon sets: 3.13 am

Full moon August 2

London 9.19 pm to 4.54 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 5.04 am
Edinburgh 9.50 pm to 4.47 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.35 pm to 5.21 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.24 am — Sun sets: 8.49 pm

Moon rises: 7.55 pm — Moon sets: 4.21 am

Full moon tomorrow

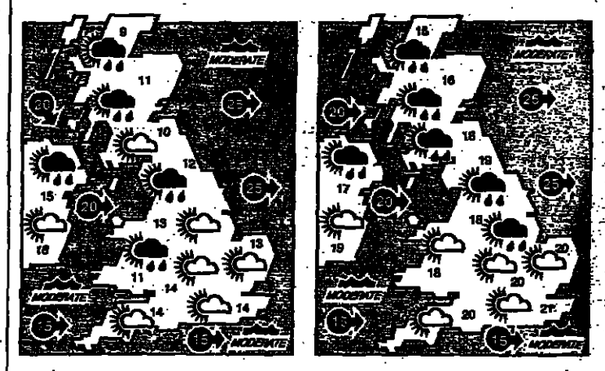
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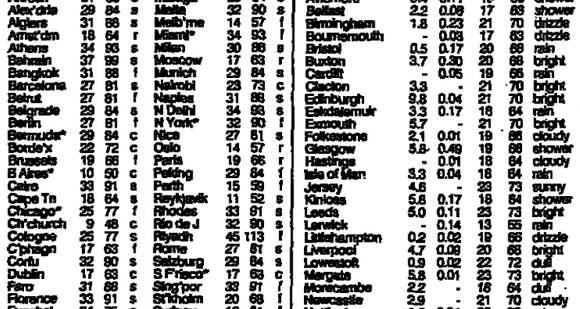
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Aberdeen	5.3	0.28	21	70	thundr
Anglesey	2.7	0.08	17	63	rain
Aviemore	9.4	0.11	19	66	shower
Belfast	2.2	0.08	17	63	shower
Birmingham	1.8	0.23	21	70	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	0.03	17	63	drizzle
Bristol	0.5	0.17	20	68	rain
Buxton	3.7	0.30	20	68	bright
Cardiff	-	0.05	19	66	rain
Clacton	3.3	-	21	70	bright
Edinburgh	9.8	0.04	21	70	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.3	0.17	18	64	rain
Exmouth	5.7	-	21	70	bright
Folkestone	2.1	0.01	19	66	cloudy
Glasgow	5.8	0.49	19	66	shower
Hastings	-	0.01	18	64	cloudy
Isle of Man	3.3	0.04	18	64	rain
Jersey	-	-	23	73	sunny
Kinloss	5.8	0.17	18	64	shower
Leeds	5.0	0.11	23	73	bright
Lerwick	-	0.14	13	55	rain
Littlehampton	0.2	0.02	19	66	drizzle
Liverpool	4.7	0.09	20	68	bright
Lowestoft	0.9	0.02	22	72	dull
Margate	5.8	0.01	23	73	bright
Morecambe	2.2	-	18	64	dull
Newcastle	2.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Nottingham	1.6	0.34	22	72	rain
Penzance	1.0	0.13	19	66	drizzle
Plymouth	0.4	0.17	18	64	drizzle
Salcombe	-	0.15	18	64	drizzle
Saunton Snd	-	0.15	17	63	dull
Scarborough	3.9	0.02	21	70	bright
Scilly Isles	1.0	0.09	18	64	cloudy
Southend	2.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Stornoway	2.7	0.05	16	61	cloudy
Sunbiggs	0.2	0.18	18	64	drizzle
Teignmouth	4.5	-	21	70	bright
Tenby	-	0.23	17	63	cloudy
Tiree	3.4	0.12	15	59	cloudy
Wick	2.9	0.10	16	61	bright

These are Thursday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	19.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	56.70	52.30
Canada $	2.027	1.867
Denmark Kr	10.62	9.82
Finland Mrk	9.37	8.57
France Fr	9.27	8.57
Germany Dm	2.72	2.51
Greece Dr	366.00	342.00
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.15
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.038
Italy Lira	2490.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	173.75	154.75
Netherlands Gld	3.08	2.83
Norway Kr	11.61	10.81
Portugal Esc	273.30	254.30
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	219.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	12.75	11.95
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	17400.0	16400.0
USA $	1.58	1.46

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





SATURDAY
Scotland low; N Ireland low; Wales low; South West low to moderate; North moderate; *East Anglia low; Midlands low; South East* moderate; London low.

SUNDAY
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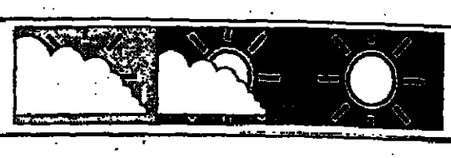
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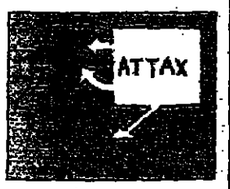
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US $ ..... 1.4810 (-0.0063)
German mark ... 2.5792 (-0.0013)
Exchange index ..... 81.5 (-0.1)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2926.5 (+8.9)
Dow Jones ... 3543.94 (-23.48)*
Nikkei Avge. ..20380.14 (-76.71)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.03-3.02%*
Long Bond 6.59%*

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London Forex market close

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Close 405.65-406.15
New York:
Comex 405.75-406.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price



Browbeaten by Bundesbank: a currency dealer during hectic trading in Paris as the Bank of France tried to keep the franc above its ERM floor

Barrage of selling rings death knell for ERM

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ *Massive intervention by all European central banks failed to stop half the ERM currencies falling flat on the floor and did little to safeguard the future of the system*

AN UNPRECEDENTED barrage of selling left the exchange-rate mechanism fatally damaged and Europe's political leaders casting around for the best way to respond to the market's onslaught.

At the end of a tumultuous day, the French franc was left pinned to its floor in the ERM, falling below it in after-hours trading. The Danish krone, the Belgian franc, the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo were left perilously close to their lower limits.

Concerted intervention by Europe's central banks, estimated at more than DM80 billion by one currency economist at a major European bank, and denials from several top officials that their currencies would be devalued or float outside the system, failed to take the pressure off. Markets in London closed with speculation of some kind of action this weekend.

Pedro Solbes, Spain's economics minister, favoured some form of contact between central banks this weekend "so as to start on Monday in different conditions to the ones we have closed the markets with today". He said: "We are all aware of the problems we face, not only from the point of view of the currencies but also of the nature of the system itself and whether it can survive." However, Philippe Maystadt, Belgium's finance minister, was not aware of Belgium's representatives on the European monetary committee having received invitations for a meeting this weekend.

Edouard Balladur, France's prime minister, said at lunchtime that ERM rules were working well. Asked whether the rules could be applied for long, he replied: "That depends on the goodwill of each and everyone."

There appeared to be little of that at the end of a trading day which, by overwhelming consensus, proved that the ERM in its current form was finished. One banker said: "At the end of the day, it was great white sharks feeding. The markets think they have finally got the system." John Hall of Swiss Bank said: "There is an increased chance that the system will be readjusted in some way. The crux of the matter is that interest rates are coming down around Europe."

The only doubt in a day that saw markets winning against enormous central bank intervention came amid rumours that the Bundesbank was preparing to cut the discount rate after all. Yesterday morning, the Bundesbank announced it would not attempt to prevent a fall in money market interest rates, even if they fell below the 6.75 per cent discount rate.

This left the markets unimpressed and intense pressure remained until the official ERM close. The French franc, having traded at its floor or below it for the bulk of the day, actually ended a whisker above the danger level.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "The central banks shouldn't make the mistake of thinking that the late calmness in the markets is a sign of confidence — far from it. The market calmed down because it thinks the system is already dead." If the central banks did nothing this weekend, they would face a "firestorm" on Monday.

In after-hours trading the French franc then dipped back beneath its 3.4305 to the mark floor at 3.4340.

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Torrential flows leave dealers in sunshine

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE usual Friday afternoon wind-down was pushed aside in City dealing rooms yesterday, as foreign exchange traders struggled to keep pace with events. The talk was of intervention: massive amounts being poured into the French franc in a concerted effort to keep the currency off its floor and hold the exchange-rate mechanism together. There was also a good turn in it for the foreign exchange houses.

From NatWest Markets to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, parallels were being drawn with last September's "Black Wednesday", when the Bank of England spent up to £15 billion in reserves in a vain attempt to prop up the pound. Ten months later, the focus had shifted to Paris, and the money flows were just as awesome. Some dealers could only talk in terms of millions. Others spoke of DM30-40 billion — equivalent to the entire French foreign exchange reserves.

Robert Thomas, at NatWest Markets, said: "We're talking that sort of figure. We were surprised the French didn't really do anything this morning. Either they misjudged the situation or just felt they could do it by intervention.

Mark Austin, at Midland Global Markets, said: "We've seen enormous volumes. The flows are becoming torrential. This is not your short-term punters. It's serious money."

Mr Austin said the scale of intervention by the Bundesbank and the Bank of France was unprecedented. "It's billions of marks; very, very large amounts. The suspicion is that the authorities have been completely surprised and haven't had time to respond. We'd expect them to see out the day's trading in Europe and decide what to do over the weekend."

The mixed signals from Paris and Frankfurt did little to bolster confidence in the ERM. Some economists believe it is only a matter of days, if not hours, before weaker currencies like the peseta and escudo drop out of the system. The fate of the Danish krone and Belgian franc in turn hinges on the French currency.

As the day wore on, few could afford to relax. Richard Hill, director of global foreign exchange at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said dealers were under intense pressure, with the focus falling on a wide range of currencies. Mr Hill said: "It's starting to look like last September but doesn't appear as intense. It's more diversified this time."

The vast flows of money guaranteed sizable profits for the dealing houses, who are obliged to cash in when they can. "This is a very healthy environment for dealing, but it doesn't occur often," one dealer said. "Make hay when the sun shines." The speculators would be inclined to agree.

Gold breaches $400

GOLD climbed above $400 an ounce for the first time since the Gulf war as investors sought a haven amid fears of currency devaluations. In New York, the gold contract for December delivery climbed to a heady $410, the highest for almost three years as increased tensions in South Africa and the Middle East gave added support. In London, gold was fixed at $403.70.

Soros announces his return to the fray

BY OUR CITY STAFF

AS IF the ERM did not have enough enemies, George Soros, the billionaire financier and upsetter of financial applecarts, has targeted it as his next victim. He has said he now feels free to resume trading in the French franc and adds that protecting the European Monetary System (EMS) is futile.

On Monday, Mr Soros told *Le Figaro*, the French daily newspaper, that he was not speculating against the franc because he did not want to be accused of destroying the EMS. But yesterday he declared: "After the decision of the Bundesbank not to lower the discount rate, I feel no longer bound by the declaration I made in *Le Figaro*.

"It is futile to attempt to protect the European Monetary System by abstaining from trading in currencies when the anchor of the system, the Bundesbank, acts without regard to the interests of other members."

Mr Soros, who made almost a billion dollars by betting against sterling before its forced exit from the ERM last September, on Monday suggested a package deal to resolve the situation. He had suggested Britain and Italy put their currencies back into the ERM, which would help France because of France's sensitivity to prices in Italy, Britain, Spain and Scandinavia.

The franc's value against the European currency unit (ecu) could be adjusted so it had the same weighting within the ecu basket as before turmoil hit the EMS 12 months ago. That would assume an effective devaluation of the franc of 3.6 per cent. He also said the mark could be revalued, if the Bundesbank so wished, instead.



Soros: change of tack

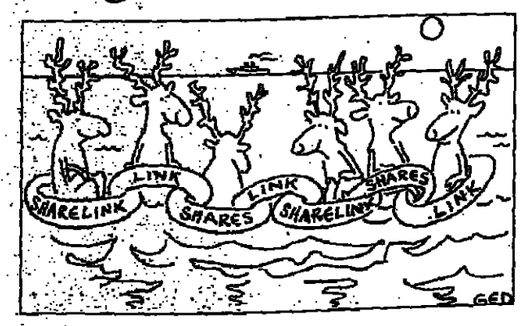
Exchange rings Sharelink lucky number

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHARELINK has mastered the clever trick of both raising funds and profiting from its own flotation. Yesterday was the first day of dealings in the telephone share service and 9,000 lucky investors saw the shares leap from the offer price of 250p to 288p, with 1 million shares changing hands in the first 15 minutes.

Many took the opportunity to deal through Sharelink and David Jones, the chairman, reported that 250,000 shares had been bought or sold through the company's dealing service by midday. He said the stags had been sent running for cover to avoid being trampled by the bulls, adding: "We are mostly getting a lot of buying orders. The ratio is 3 purchasers for every seller."

Mr Jones has seen his investment rise to more than £6 million in a company capitalised at more than £48 million. He is bullish about the future of the private investor, pointing to the average size of trade at Sharelink: about £4,000.



Mr Jones has his own trading floor in Birmingham, which he says is more like a mail order house than a dealing room. Sharelink does not carry the expense of analysts and brokers nor does it take stock on its own book, with the associated risk and cost of capital. Its talent, says Mr Jones, is processing transactions and marketing its services to the public. That makes the group more like a retailer, which goes some way to explaining why Sharelink is trading on a multiple of 20.8 times historic earnings for the year to March rather than the ratios of 13 or 14 associated with banks and brokers.

Formerly, directors of stock market tyros were given a perfunctory tour of the floor of the Stock Exchange as dealings started in their company's shares. This was followed by a breakfast of bucks fizz and bacon and egg at their stockbroker's offices, with congratulations all round if the issue went to a premium. But the follow-up to any flotation is always a hefty bill, from brokers, merchant banks and assorted lawyers and accountants, which could easily reach £0.5 million for even small companies. Sharelink is unlikely to make that in a single day's trading in its own shares but will be comforted to know that not all the commission is going to the brokers.

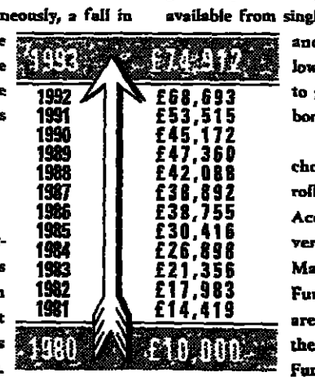
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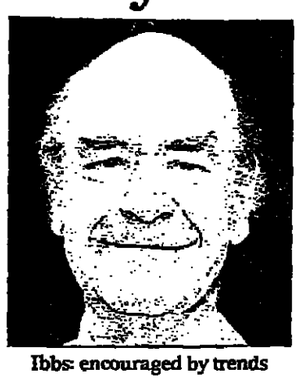
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Lloyds offers signs of recovery as profits rise 35%



Ibbs: encouraged by trends

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

LLOYDS Bank gave a clear demonstration that the economy is on the way to recovery as it unveiled a 35 per cent lift in pre-tax profits to £498 million for the first half and increased the interim dividend by 12 per cent to 6.6p.

Sir Robin Ibbs, the chairman, said he is encouraged by the recent trends in several economic indicators and said there are signs that credit quality is improving.

In spite of the improvements in the economy, Lloyds' UK loan book shrank from £33.7 billion to £32.1 billion. Brian Pitman, the chief executive, said: "Loan demand remains weak. The only area where there is strong loan demand is in mortgages." He said that banks have been financing inflation through their loan books for years.

Mr Pitman dropped a big hint that the bank is looking at ways of returning excess capital to shareholders. Lloyds' total capital ratio improved from 9.4 to 10.2 per cent. He said the alternatives include raising the dividend or buying back shares, and said the bank will be taking a close look at Reuters' decision to buy back 5.8 per cent of its shares.

The total charge for provisions was down from £209 million to £138 million, though much of this was thanks to a £154 million write back of Third World debt provisions, compared with £102 million.

All the bank's main business showed improving profits. Its main business, the UK retail bank, turned from a £3 million loss to a £17 million profit before tax. But, in spite of a 5 per cent reduction in costs, operating profits fell 4 per cent. Provisions for bad and doubtful debts fell from £241 million to £209 million.

Corporate banking and treasury operations increased profits by 37 per cent to £92 million. Bad debts climbed £16 million to £38 million, as the position of five problem accounts worsened.

The most profitable activity was Lloyds Abbey Life, with profits up from £142 million to £153 million. Private banking and financial services operations increased profits from £38 million to £47 million and international banking profits were up from £38 million to £44 million.

The biggest chunk of profits came from lending to Third World countries, where a £154 million release of Third World debt provisions and a £22 million profit, from increased interest payments and lower funding costs, lifted pre-tax profits to £176 million from £95 million.

Barclays' plea fails on missed BT3 deadline

THE Treasury has rejected a request from Barclays Bank to reconsider its decision that 12,000 applications for BT3 shares made through Barclays Stockbrokers did not qualify because the bank failed to deliver them on time. A Barclays' delivery van carrying the applications from Barclays Registrars in Croydon to the City arrived two minutes late because of the new traffic restrictions in the area. Barclays said the Treasury had stood by its decision and "we are not taking the matter any further".

☐ SG Warburg, the Treasury's adviser in the £5 billion sale, revealed that the settled and orderly market in BT shares since trading began on July 19 has enabled it to end the BT3 stabilisation, or "green shoe", period early.

NatWest disposals

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is selling its branches in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to the State Bank of New South Wales. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest, said that the deal continued the process of concentrating resources in markets where the bank was capable of having a "major and profitable presence". The bank was committed to developing its corporate and investment banking activities in Australia.

Five Oaks in Scots deal

FIVE OAKS, the property company, is buying a portfolio of four Scottish properties, with an option to acquire a further one, for £8.27 million cash and the issue of 3.5 million new shares, valued at 27p. Five Oaks is also raising £12.2 million with the issue of another 47 million new shares, partly to fund the deal, estimating profit before provisions and tax for the year to end-June of at least £100,000 and a loss after provisions of not more than £900,000.

Hewden buys Hireplant

HEWDEN Stuart, the Scottish plant hire group, has bought Hireplant, the plant hire and tool hire business of BET, for £10.8 million. Hewden is partly financing the cash deal via an institutional placing of 6 million new ordinary shares at 119p. This compares with a market price yesterday of 120.5p, up 2p. Hewden says the acquisition gives it a large customer base in areas of the country where it is lightly represented, including the Midlands and the south of England.

Anglia reduces losses

ANGLIA Secure Homes, the sheltered housing company, said yesterday that house prices seemed to "have reached their floor after four years of decline". Anglia reported losses before tax of £2.29 million against £5.08 million last time. Losses per share came back from 15.4p to 7.2p. The company said the housing market remained lethargic and depressed. There is no interim dividend. Borrowings in the period have come back from £30.1 million to £24.5 million.

Leasing acquisition

NORTHUMBRIAN Water Group's wholly owned unit NWG Leasing (Holdings) has acquired the entire issued share capital of Hambros Leasing (June) for £100. Northumbrian has also refinanced debt in the company of £46.5 million. Hambros Leasing, to be renamed NWG Leasing, has lease rentals receivable of £57.2 million. It is involved in a range of leasing activities, including cars and planes.

Unilever purchase

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch food to detergents conglomerate, is expanding its bakery ingredients business in Germany with the acquisition of Diamalt's interests in baking products and malt extracts. Unilever did not disclose the price agreed for the transaction. The deal, which requires regulatory approval, is expected to become effective on October 1. The Diamalt brand name last year achieved sales of some DM55 million.

VW seeks talks

VOLKSWAGEN appears to have backed down in its battle with General Motors. Ferdinand Piëch, the VW chairman, is seeking a dialogue with Jack Smith, his GM counterpart. Under pressure to end a bitter verbal battle, Herr Piëch has invited Mr Smith to discuss allegations that José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, VW's production chief, stole GM documents when he moved to VW in March. The two men will be in touch by telephone early next week, VW said.

Ex-directors charged

MICHAEL Ward, former chairman of European Leisure, and Jeremy Howarth, a former director, were charged yesterday with conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to make a false market in investments. George Hendry, a non-executive director of the company until yesterday, has also been charged with conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to make a false market. They were also charged with offences of theft and false accounting. The three were bailed until October 4.

Wolstenholme buy

WOLSTENHOLME Rink, the Lancashire-based metal powders maker, has bought the resins and varnish division of Leon Frenkel Ltd for £3.9 million in a cash and shares deal. The resins and varnishes arm being bought provides products for the printing ink industry. In its last full trading year the division made taxable profits of £161,000 and had net assets of £2.4 million. Of the total consideration, £775,000 is deferred.

BAe hit by new delay in Taiwan

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

EFFORTS by British Aerospace to inject its regional jet building activities into a joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace Corporation (TAC) have been set back again by the fundraising difficulties of BAe's Taiwan partner.

BAe has agreed to defer completion, due today, insisting that it has been reassured by a commitment that the Taiwan government will inject funds to raise its stake in TAC from 29 per cent to 39 per cent.

However, the delay, the third since the £250 million deal was unveiled at the start of the year, is damaging BAe's credibility and share price.

The company is understood to be concerned that it is also harming the prospects of the joint regional jet business, to be called Avro International. Executives fear competitors will make the most of the uncertainty.

A BAe spokesman insisted last night: "We are very pleased with the support of the Taiwan government." The deal would be completed "within weeks" he said.

The problem is understood to lie with investors and bankers in Taiwan who have little knowledge of the aerospace industry and are reluctant to commit funds.

Watchdog threatens power firms with MMC referral

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

STEPHEN Littlechild, the electricity regulator, will refer National Power and PowerGen to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by Christmas if his current enquiry into prices shows any evidence that their charges are excessive.

A reference would scupper ministers' hopes of raising £3 billion by selling the state's remaining 40 per cent stake in each of the companies next year. But it would also end recurrent rows over power prices arising from the dominance of the two big generators in the privatised power regime.

National Power, which earlier admitted raising pool prices in April on the ground that it had previously failed to cover its costs, welcomed Professor Littlechild's promise to take an early decision over a referral to the MMC.

The company said: "This time-scale will reduce the period of uncertainty for our shareholders and establish whether the government can proceed with the 1994-5 sale of its shareholding, as National Power would prefer."

The regulator made his threat after unveiling the results of his fourth enquiry into complaints about prices in the "pool", or wholesale market in electricity. He made clear that the time has come to halt the spiral of price rises and overhaul the pool mechanism. He told the generators that, if necessary, he would change their licences to cap the price of the power they sell.

But ICI, which has threatened to shut its massive Chlor-alkali plant on Merseyside because of soaring electricity prices, was disappointed by his failure to give customers redress. It said his conclusions were "limited to exhortations to others to consider action coupled with veiled threats of reference to the MMC".

During his latest enquiry, Professor Littlechild found that the companies had achieved substantial increases in pool selling prices in spite of the benefit of cheaper coal and other cost reductions.

He said: "If present prices are maintained, overall pool selling prices will be nearly 20 per cent higher than last year, following an 8 per cent increase over the previous year.

In a clear warning to the generators, he said: "The need to cover avoidable cost does not justify any further price increase — nor did it justify a price increase as high as the recent one." Professor Littlechild said that up to 1,500 companies now bought power at pool-related prices and he had received a flood of complaints from them after the April increases.

"They are right to be concerned," he said. "In a competitive market, customers' interests would be paramount. This is not yet the case in the electricity market."

His comments are the most damning criticism yet of the electricity industry structure established by the government in the run-up to privatisation.

However, the regulator maintained that many of the problems arose from the complexity of the transition from the old system of a generating monopoly to the yet-to-be-acheived competitive market.

He exhibited a growing impatience with the failure of the pool executive committee, itself dominated by the generators, to reform inadequate systems inherited from the old Central Electricity Generating Board.

PowerGen joined the regulator in his demand for an overhaul of pool procedures.



Action pledge: Stephen Littlechild promises early decision

Lloyds Bank results for the first half of 1993

"Pre-tax profits rose by 35 per cent to £498 million and we have increased the interim dividend by 12 per cent. The results were helped by a further improvement in our problem country debt portfolio, and all our main businesses showed better profits.

I have been encouraged by the recent trends in several economic indicators. There are signs that credit quality is improving and our prudent provisioning should strengthen future earnings. We are well placed to support our customers and to benefit from economic recovery as it develops."

Sir Robin Ibbs, *Chairman*

	Half-year to 30 June 1993 (unaudited) £m	Half-year to 30 June 1992 £m	Half-year to 31 December 1992 £m
Profit before tax	498	369	432
Tax	156	123	157
Profit after tax	342	246	275
Minority interests	43	40	40
Profit attributable to shareholders	299	206	235
Dividends	84	75	158
Post-tax return on average shareholders' equity	21.3%	16.4%	17.7%
Earnings per share	23.5p	16.4p	18.6p
Dividends per share	6.6p	5.9p	12.5p

Financial information for the year ended 31 December 1992 is based on the statutory accounts for 1992 which have been delivered to the registrar of companies. The auditors' report on these accounts was unqualified and did not include a statement under sections 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

An interim dividend of 6.6p per share will be paid on 14 October 1993 to shareholders registered on 12 August 1993. Shareholders will be offered the choice of taking ordinary shares instead of the cash dividend.

Copies of the news release may be obtained from Finance Division, Lloyds Bank Plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS. Telephone: 071-356 1273.

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Report adds to pressure on Merrett

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

THE findings of a Lloyd's enquiry into a loss-making Merrett syndicate increases the pressure on Stephen Merrett, its underwriter, to resign as deputy chairman of Lloyd's of London.

The loss review report into syndicate 421 was sent yesterday to 342 names, who have lost more than 700 per cent of their original investments.

The report reveals that Mr Merrett and John Emney, the deputy underwriter, failed to obtain an adequate amount of information on the risks they were insuring. This, Mr Emney admitted to the investigating committee, was "a great mistake". A large proportion of the syndicate's £24 million losses result from its reinsuring asbestosis risks.

Mr Merrett in a nine-page letter sent to names slammed the report saying it "has fundamentally failed to address the issue put to it . . . [it] produces virtually nothing that could be thought to be new and relevant". However, he admits that "our controls were at fault".

The report follows a recent blow to Merrett Group, the insurance company of which Mr Merrett is chairman. Two weeks ago one of the group's key underwriters , Stephen Burnhope,to join a rival firm. Willis Faber & Dumas, a big Lloyd's ageny, is also withdrawing names from Merrett syndicates.

FNFC in £1.1bn reshape

By Our Banking Correspondent

FIRST National Finance Corporation has agreed with bankers a £1.1 billion restructuring of its finances. The consumer credit group cut losses from £39.6 million to £3.4 million in the first six months to end-April.

The shares rose 3p to 88p. The new credit agreement gives FNFC new facilities with final maturity dates in 1998. All previous bank facilities are replaced by new loan facilities for its three main divisions. FNFC has new facilities of £90 million, First National Bank has £788.1 million facilities, and First National Commercial Bank has facilities of £236.6 million.

Of the agreement, Martin Mays-Smith, the chairman, said: "We are feeling a great deal happier. To have a stable medium-term financing is a great step forward."



Mays-Smith: happier

Banks guilty of flouting code of practice

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

SOME banks are flouting the rules by passing on information about customers without their express consent, according to Sir George Blunden in his first report since beginning a review of the Code of Banking Practice

In the first report of his review committee, Sir George also criticises some institutions for producing customer information in "gobbledegook" and others for their "coyness" in telling customers about complaints procedures.

The voluntary code came into force in March last year as an alternative to legislation. Over 300 banks and building societies have agreed to it.

In the report, Sir George said it was clear there was "room for improvement on the part of some institutions" in regard to the requirement that written terms and conditions of a banking service be expressed in plain English, and the requirement that banks and building societies tell their customers they have a complaints procedure.

He said: "There are still instances of the use of what may not unfairly be described as 'gobbledegook' which, while intelligible to a professional banker or laywer, fail to convey any clear meaning to the average customer."

He added that while institutions have established their own internal complaints procedures, there was "evidence of undesirable coyness in many institutions about telling their customers of the existence of such procedures and both the Ombudsmen have drawn attention to shortcomings on the part of some members of those schemes".

He also signalled his intention to tighten up the wording of the code after intervening in two cases where banks sought to claim that "express consent" from customers to pass names and addresses to other companies in the same group meant something other than "express written consent".

He said: "We willl ensure that the next edition of the code will make it plain that, if customers are asked to agree to their names and addresses being passed to other companies within the same group, this should be subject to customers' prior written agreement and also to customers being given a clear option to say 'no' if they wish. Tacit acquiescence, as a result of customers' inertia or of their understandable failure to read through the fine print to the end, will not be regarded as an acceptable form of consent."

The banks all want customers to allow them to disclose account details to subsidiaries in order to cross-sell other financial services like insurance and mortgages.

Sir George's comments follow criticism about the banks from Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director general of fair trading. Sir Bryan said some banks evade requirements to gain customers' consent before passing on information internally, and he urged Sir George to take strong action to stop the banks from interpreting the code requirements differently.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Frank Barlow**

Mr Nasty destined for the role of media mogul

Jon Ashworth *meets the enigmatic managing director who is refocusing the activities of the Pearson group*

Frank Barlow is a nasty piece of work. He says so himself. But the endearing smile which creases his face as he tells you how tough and nasty he is makes it a little hard to believe him. Is he truly a nasty character who can turn on the charm when needs be? Or is he the apparently pleasant man who sits before you; one who has learnt to be tough because that is the way to get ahead?

The truth, one suspects, lies somewhere in between. To managers and employees of Pearson, the diversified media, entertainment and banking group that he runs alongside Lord Blakenham, he is a man to be treated with caution. To friends, he is the genial Cumbrian who went off to West Africa in his early twenties and returned a full-blooded newspaperman.

Despite the smiles, Mr Barlow repeats the assertion that he is nasty so often that you are eventually inclined to believe him. His son, who lives in the Lake District, is, he says, the complete opposite: "I'm short and he is tall," he said, smiling. "He's nice and I'm nasty. I'm rather aggressive," he said, beaming from ear to ear. He says much the same of his relationship with Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman and a member of the founding family. "Michael Blakenham and I are very complementary. He's a very nice guy. I probably have a reputation for being tough." He smiled at the thought.

A hint of this tough streak surfaces in a fading newspaper cutting from the early eighties, when Mr Barlow was running Westminster Press, Pearson's regional newspaper arm. He had won a High Court apology for libel over an article claiming he had "made his name" as a "union-bashing managing director".

Ten years later, he is chairman of the *Financial Times*, non-executive chairman of BSkyB, managing director of Pearson and a director of *The Economist*. He was due to succeed Sir Richard Storey as chairman of The Press Association, but resigned from the PA board in May due to a clash of commercial interests. Now, at 63, he is one year past Pearson's retirement age, but has no plans to throw in the towel just yet. There is still much to do.

Exactly what he and Lord Blakenham have in mind for Pearson became clearer this week, with the announcement of plans to demerge Royal Doulton, the fine china group, and hive-off Camco, its oilfield equipment and services operation. The former is to be listed on the London stock exchange, possibly before Christmas. Camco is expected to be floated in New York. Coming so soon after Pearson took control of Thames Television and narrowly missed a chance to expand into satellite television in the Far East, the implication is clear: Pearson is refocusing as a media company.

> 'His spell in the Caribbean ended abruptly when he was deported after the newspaper offended the prime minister'

Not quite as simple as that, said Mr Barlow, smiling broadly. Pearson has extensive newspaper and publishing interests, ranging from the *Financial Times* and *The Economist* to Penguin books and Addison-Wesley, the American educational publisher. The group paid £99 million for a controlling stake in Thames TV in April and has a 17.5 per cent stake in BSkyB.

But its other interests include half of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, Madame Tussaud's, Warwick Castle, Chessington World of Adventures and Alton Towers, and apparently it has no plans to sell them. "The link is family entertainment," Mr Barlow suggested. "Television is family entertainment: Our strategy is to concentrate on selected segments of education, entertainment and media. Call us an information, education and entertainment group."

Despite his roots in newspapers, it is quite clear that Mr Barlow sees the future in television. Plans to add Star TV, the Hong Kong-based satellite system, to the Pearson stable, fell through this week when control passed to The News Corporation, which owns *The Times*. Mr Barlow shrugs off the loss. "We regarded it as a very exciting prospect but, at the same time, very, very high risk."

Forty years ago, as a young accountant in Nigeria, he could never have dreamt that he might one day be running a company as diverse as Pearson. Then, he could not even afford a car; today, a chauffeur drives him to work from his home in Buckinghamshire.

Anxious to escape the austere Britain of the late fifties, he eagerly accepted the offer of a job with the Nigerian Electricity Supply Corporation. Barely 22, he found himself working for a hydro-electric company on a 4,000 ft high plateau in northern Nigeria surrounded by mines of tin and its derivative, colombite. "There were great piles of colombite all over the place," he recalled. "The British had been there from 1910, and there were swimming pools and tennis courts. It was a pleasant place to live."

He later moved south to join the overseas division of the *Daily Mirror*, working seven days a week as a senior accountant, and went on to spend four months in Barbados with Percy Roberts, managing director and subsequent chairman of Daily Mirror Newspapers. "We shared a flat, an office, a secretary and a car. We would go home at 4pm, have tea and a swim, then I would go back to watch him put the paper to bed. That's how I learnt the production side."

Back in Nigeria, he became acting managing director of the *Daily News* for three months then was sent to Ghana to keep an eye on the Mirror's local interests. Eighteen months later, with his wife, two daughters and son in tow, he returned to Barbados to oversee the Mirror's local operations and revived the Trinidad *Mirror* which had been faring badly.

His spell in the Caribbean ended abruptly when he was deported after the newspaper offended the prime minister.

After returning to London, he oversaw the launch of the *Daily Mirror* and *Sunday Mirror* in Ireland, introducing Britain's first single webb offset press and pioneering new technology. In 1968, pondering whether to accept a post with the group in Glasgow, he was offered a job by Pearson. A long spell in regional newspapers saw him emerge as chief executive of both Westminster Press and the *Financial Times*, and he became managing director of Pearson in 1990.

Given his early associations, few should have been surprised when Pearson stepped forward as a potential bidder for Mirror Group Newspapers after Robert Maxwell's death in November 1991. Plans to bid were dropped when the full extent of Maxwell's plundering became apparent. "When it first happened, the 'black hole' wasn't known," he explained.

He tracks Pearson's performance from a comfortable office in Millbank Tower near the Tate Gallery, leaving the chief executives of the various businesses to get on with their jobs. "I set the targets, select the right people, provide the right atmosphere and monitor them."

A hint of what may happen if the chosen lieutenants fall short of their targets emerged in April, when David Palmer resigned as chief executive of the *Financial Times* amid whispers of "niggling rows" with Mr Barlow.

Staff at the *FT* recall Mr Barlow's habit of addressing the newsroom using a portable microphone. Whatever the truth about the "Palmer affair", one suspects that the "monitoring" to which Mr Barlow refers is treated with due seriousness throughout the Pearson empire.

Mr Barlow sees himself, five years on, as retired with a few non-executive directorships. For now, as a hands-on manager who gets by on four hours sleep a night and swims 1,000 metres in his indoor pool most mornings, retirement is not a priority. "I really do have a lot of energy," he said, slightly embarrassed to admit it. "I enjoy working." The smile said it all.



MARTIN BEDDALL

Smile on the face of the tiger: Frank Barlow sets targets for the heads of Pearson businesses then sits back and monitors their progress

'Hunt the Job' takes his mission on unemployment to the US

Philip Bassett *finds the UK employment secretary in Utah*

Standing on a haybale in an open-sided barn on a Rocky mountain hillside and sporting an outsize brown stetson cowboy hat, David Hunt looked every inch the model of a British cabinet minister.

Having been presented with the stetson seconds before by his Utah hosts, Hunt knew he had two choices: leave it aside, and risk offending them, or wear it and risk them hitting their camera buttons and sending the result off to *Private Eye*. With considerable aplomb, he produced it with a flourish at a key moment in his speech, put it on — and won over his audience.

The employment secretary likes to be liked. This week, he has been liked a lot as he criss-crossed the US, on the twin-peaks trail of new schemes to help combat Britain's 3 million unemployment mountain and of new UK inward investment projects to help Britain climb out of recession.

The combination of the two is characteristic of the man: with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, he forms the Tory left triumvirate which now holds the three keynote economic departments in the government; Mr Hunt is determined to play his job more widely than some of his predecessors, blending the micro-economic area of employment with the wider economy.

He has started a series of speeches mapping out a new leftist Tory ideology, rehabilitating concepts such as the social market and partnership with industry which a few years ago would have seen him drummed out of a Conservative government. Some of his civil servants and those in the industry department believe that if Mr Heseltine's illness prevents his return, Mr Hunt is set for the job.

Others even cite him as a future contender for the party leadership, though some in the party suggest that after energy, environment and Wales (where his thirst for inward investment inevitably earned him the nickname "Hunt the Job"), if he gets trade and industry he will have risen as far as he is likely to.

Those right-wingers appalled at the prospect of this pro-European even being put in the frame for future leadership would have felt their hearts lift as he all-but kicked his heels in Washington this week. Partly because his trip planners got the timing wrong, but also because of a lack of agreement between the Clinton administration and the UK government on employment policy, he did not meet Robert Reich, the US labour secretary, who was at a US jobs conference.

Instead, in what looked like a combination of mismanagement and a calculated snub, Mr Hunt had to make do with a series of junior labour officials before seeing Dick Riley, the US education secretary.

Though they have now arranged to meet, the failure of Mr Hunt and Mr Reich to come together this week was symptomatic of clear differences between the US and the UK on jobs. Mr Hunt preaches the virtues of competitiveness and an active labour market policy. Mr Reich, a Harvard economist turned politician, places worker participation at the top of his list of priorities.

The American has precisely the economic dynamism for his revitalised department — including dominating the current employment debate with his strategies for the future of work — which the Englishman would like to see in Britain; and what Mr Hunt did pick up in Washington was a strong sense of force and movement in the US labour department, which he would like to see at home.

He took over the employment job in last May's cabinet reshuffle and inherited from Gillian Shephard both this week's visit to the US and a similar trip to Japan in September. He will be back in the US later this year for President Clinton's proposed G7 summit on unemployment.

On this week's visit, in addition to the planned examination of active US labour market policies he visited some 20 US firms, talking to their CEOs about investing in the UK.

That led him to Wilmington, Philadelphia, the flooded St Louis, and Denver before rejoining the scheduled programme. He is confident some of the companies he has seen will commit themselves to new investment in Britain, with the prospect of 2,000 or more new jobs. Half should come from a US state bank setting up in northwest England.

In Salt Lake City, Hunt started looking closely at the area's hard-edged workfare programme. Though he remains sceptical about compulsion-based benefit schemes, a number of features he saw did appeal. The range and individuality of schemes he saw in Utah and in the post-riot areas of Los Angeles impressed him, as did the idea that those out of work had to be hauled out of welfare dependency and pushed towards a job.

Mr Hunt may be in the fortunate position — unlike his two predecessors in the job — of presiding over falling unemployment if the monthly count of those out of work continues to decline. But he recognises that the fall disguises a hard-core of long-term unemployed throughout Europe which he knows he and others must address.

Like others before him, he may not finally be able to make much headway against such a daunting task — but he will try. As he left America yesterday, Mr Hunt had a wealth of new employment ideas to consider, with new real jobs to follow from US companies setting up in Britain, which could be of real help to a government struggling to bring a huge public deficit under control.



Play time: David Hunt meets American children at an adult training centre creche

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Traders still look for lower rates

STOCK MARKET

THE European exchange-rate mechanism was not yet dead, but the stock market was in no mood to shed tears and decided to go ahead with the wake, anyway.

The prospect of a total collapse of ERM over the weekend, or even a realignment eventually leading to a wholesale fall in European interest rates, was not lost on traders around the Square Mile.

Share prices were dragged sharply higher after a hesitant start by the financial future as the French franc came under increasing pressure on the foreign exchange.

But the cash market was unable to sustain the early pace, with dealers reporting a lack of genuine investment support as the two-week trading account drew to a close. A total of 763 million shares were traded as fund managers took profits and squared-up positions before the new account. Few found the courage to leave positions open, or open fresh ones over the weekend. This lack of support also took its toll on the FT-SE 100 index, which had been up almost 22 up earlier in the day. A sharp opening fall on Wall Street saw its lead cut to just 8.9 points at 2,926.5 by the close.

But stock shortages enabled leading shares to post double-figure gains. **Associated British Foods** jumped 18p to 482p, **Commercial Union** 13p to 631p, **General Accident** 11p to 666p, **Kingfisher** 17p to 634p, **Thorn EMI** 10p to 976p, and **TI Group** 11p to 353p.

British Aerospace lost an early lead to end 3p down at 415p after doubts began to surface about ratification of a deal with Taiwan to develop short-haul aircraft.

BT was 1p easier 414½p, with the partly paid just ½p lighter at 171½p, as the period of stablisation came to an end. SG Warburg has been forced to buy an extra 91.5 million shares from the government to satisfy over-allotments.

But the wave of selling in BT that market-makers had been bracing for does not seem to have materialised. Share certificates started being issued earlier this week, and it was felt that this might have provided the private investors with the signal to start taking profits. The price in the partly paid shares boasts a 21½p premium.

Cable and Wireless touched 825p on the back of overnight buying from New York before finishing 3p lower at 811p. The rush of American buying was prompted by a fund manager, who claimed C&W was poised to merge with a major US telecommunications group, thought to be American Telephone & Telegraph. Brokers in London decided it was another stale bull story.

First time dealings in **Sharelink**, the private client stockbroker specialising in telephone orders, enjoyed the support it often reserves for some of its recommendations. Offered at 250p, the price opened at 282p and touched 299p before settling at 288p, a premium of 38p.

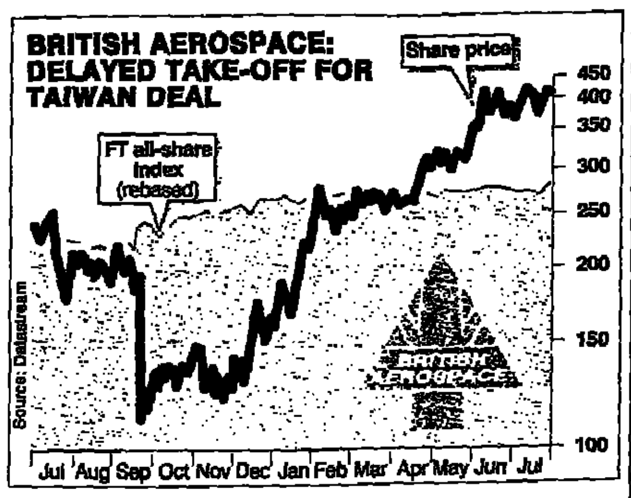
Lloyds Bank kicked of the interim dividend season, but failed to impress the City, with the price losing an early lead to finish 22p down at 562p. Pre-tax profits were up from £369 million to £498 million.

National Power and PowerGen recovered from an early markdown after criticism by Offer, the industry regulator. National Power was up 4p to 365p. PowerGen also finished 4p better at 391p, while **Scottish Hydro** was 4p up at 356p and **Scottish Power** was 2p dearer at 335p.

☐ **Gilt-edged:** Gilts were chased sharply higher first thing as speculation grew about the collapse of the ERM. The September series of the Long Gilt reached a new high with a rise of 21 ticks to £109 21/32.

The Bank of England issued further tranches of existing stock, which included £500 million of **Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 B**, £500 million of **Treasury 8 per cent 2013** and £300 million of **Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2020**.

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Negotiations between three of the world's most powerful pharmaceutical companies reached their denouement last week, enabling them to move deeper into the market for over-the-counter medicines

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow hit by surge in gold prices

New York — Profit-taking, a surge in gold prices and some program selling pushed Wall Street stocks lower in early trading at the end of a week that began with a new high on the Dow Jones industrial average. The Dow was down 31.30 points to 3,536.12. Declining issues led advancing shares nine to eight and US Treasuries were mainly lower.

☐ **Tokyo** — *Shares* ended mixed on profit-taking sales, but sentiment stayed firm, prompting significantly active trading compared to its recent slump, brokers said. The Nikkei average ended down 76.71 points, or 0.37 per cent, at 20,380.14, with about 350 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed sharply higher as investors bought blue chips, particularly in the utilities sector, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 89.03 points, or 1.29 per cent, higher at 6,988.96.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices closed mainly unchanged after fluctuating in a dull, narrow-range of trading. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,809.00, up 1.98 points.

☐ **Sydney** — *Shares soared to post-1987 crash highs after the Reserve Bank eased monetary policy and gold bullion rose beyond US$400 an ounce.* The all-ordinaries index rose 22 points before easing in late trading. It closed at 1,844.0, up 15.5 points. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Schroders	1083p (+23p)
SG Warburg	769p (+22p)
General Accident	666p (+11p)
Liberty Life	1090p (+66p)
Redland	515p (+11p)
ADT	570p (+20p)
Manpower	977p (+19p)
Siebe	518p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Lloyds	557p (-25p)
UniChem	218p (-10p)
VSEL	855p (-25p)
Zeneca	634½p (-11½p)

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	Jul 30 midday	Jul 29 close
AMP Inc	64	64
AMR Corp	65¼	64¾
Abbott Labs	24¾	24⅝
Aetna Life	59¾	60
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	40¾	41½
Albertson's	51¼	51¾
Alcan Aluminium	19¾	19¾
Alco Standard	45¾	45¼
Allied Signal	70¾	71¾
Alum Co of Am	71½	71¼
Amax	24¼	24¾
Amerada Hess	49¾	50¼
Amer Brands	32¼	33¼
Amer Cyanamid	52¾	52¾
Amer El Power	38¾	38¾
Amer Express	32¾	33¼
Amer Genl Corp	30¾	31¼
Amer Home Pr	63¾	64¾
Amer Intl	n/a	137¾
Amer Stores	43¾	44
Amer T & T	63¾	64¼
Ameritech	81	80¾
Amoco	54¼	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	47¾
Apple Computer	27¾	27¼
Archer Daniels	23¼	23¾
Arkla	9¾	9⅝
Armco	6¾	6½
Armstrong Wrld	35	35
Asarco	19¼	19¾
Ashland Oil	28¾	28¾
Atl Richfield	115¾	115¾
Auto Data Pro	49¾	49¾
Avery Dennison	28¾	28¾
Avon Products	56¾	57¼
Baker Hughes	26¾	26¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¼	26¾
Banc One	54¼	54¾
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾
Bank of NY	54¾	55¾
Bankers Tr NY	78¾	78¾
Barnett Banks	47¼	47¾
Bausch & Lomb	45¾	45¾
Baxter Intl	26¾	26¾
Becton Dickson	35¾	36¾
Bell Atlantic	59¾	59¾
BellSouth	59¾	58¾
Black & Decker	21¾	21¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	36¾
Boeing	39¾	39¾
Boise Cascade	21¾	21¾
Borden Inc	16¾	15¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	54½	55¾
Browning Ferris	23¾	24¾
Burlington Nthn	56¾	56¾
CBS	245½	247
CNA Financial	88¾	89¾
CPC Intl	40¾	41
CSX	78	76¾
Campbell Soup	36	36¾
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cpd Cities ABC	505½	509¾
Cpd Holdings	42¾	42¾
Carolina Pwr	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	77¾	77¾
Central & SW	33¾	33¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	31¾	31¾
Chemical Bk	41¾	41¾
Chevron Corp	88¾	88¾
Chrysler	43¾	43¾
Chubb Corp	91¾	91¾
Cigna Corp	58¾	59
Citicorp	33¾	33¾
Clorox	51¾	52¾
Coastal Corp	27¾	28¾
Coca Cola	44	44
Colgate-Palmolive	51¾	51¾
Columbia Gas	21¾	21¾
Commonw Ed	30	30¾
Compaq Comp	46¾	46¾
Comp Ass Intl	28¾	25¾
Conagra	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	36¾	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	51	51¾
Cons Rail	55¾	54¾
Cooper Inds	50	50¾
Corning Inc	32¾	33
Crown Cork	34¾	34¾
Dana Corp	55	54¾
Dayton Hudson	68¾	68¾
Deere	63¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	50¾	49¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	38¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	35¾	36
Dillard Dept St	37¾	37¾
Disney (Walt)	37¾	38¾
Dominion Res	46¾	46¾
Donnelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	47¾	48¾
Dow Chemical	59¾	60¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28¾
Dresser	24	24¾
Duke Power	42¾	42¾
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	48¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	53¾	53¾
Eaton Corp	46	45¾

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Emerson Elec	58¾	58
Engelhard Corp	39¾	38¾
Enron Corp	65¾	65¾
Entergy Corp	37¾	37¾
Ethyl Corp	19¾	19¾
Exxon	65¾	66¼
FMC Corp	48¾	48¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	53¾	52¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	83¾
First Chicago	45¾	46¾
First Interstate	64¾	65
First Union Rty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	34
Fluor Corp	43¾	43¾
Ford Motor	53¾	53¾
GTE Corp	35¾	36¾
Gannett	49¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	28¾	29¾
Gen Dynamics	90¾	89¾
Gen Electric	99¾	98¾
Gen Mills	60¾	60¾
Gen Motors	48¾	47¾
Gen Reinsurance	122¾	124¾
Gen Signal	32¾	32¾
Genuine Parts	36¾	38¾
Georgia Pac	61¾	61
Gillette	51¾	50¾
Glaxo ADR	16¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	46¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	41¾
Grace (WR)	40¾	41¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30¾	31
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	39¾	40¾
Harcourt General	37¾	37¾
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	35¾
Hercules	82¾	82
Hershey Foods	44¾	44¾
Hewlett Packard	72¾	71
Hilton Hotels	42¾	43¾
Home Depot	44¾	44¾
Homestake Mng	21¾	21¾
Honeywell	36	35¾
Household Intl	74¾	74¾
Houston Inds	46¾	46¾
Humana	11¾	11¾
ITT Corp	88¾	88¾
Illinois Tool	36	36¾
INCO	21	20¾
Ingersoll Rand	32¾	33¾
Inland Steel	26¾	25¾
Intel Corp	51¾	53
IBM	43¾	43¾
Intl Flav & Fr	114¾	114¾
Intl Paper	65¾	64¾
James River Va	21¾	21¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	36¾	36¾
K Mart	20¾	20¾
Kellogg	48¾	49¾
Kerr-McGee	53¾	53¾
Kimberly-Clark	46¾	46¾
Knight-Ridder	53¾	53¾
Lilly (Eli)	46¾	47¾
Limited Inc	20¾	20
LIN Brdcstng	101¾	101¾
Lincoln Nat	39¾	40¾
Litton	65¾	65¾
Liz Claiborne	23¾	23¾
Lockheed Corp	67	67
Louisiana Pac	30¾	31
MCI Commun	27¾	28¾
Marriott	27¾	28¾
Marsh & McLna	88	87¾
Masco Corp	29¾	29¾
May Dept St	40¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McCaw Cellular	47¾	47¾
McDonalds	52¾	52¾
McDonnell D	87¾	86¾
McGraw Hill	66	65¾
Mead Corp	43¾	43¾
Medtronic	61¾	61¾
Mellon Bk	56	55¾
Melville Corp	46	45¾
Merck Inc	30¾	30¾
Merrill Lynch	87	88
Minnesota Mine	105¾	108¾
Mobil Corp	73¾	72¾
Monsanto	57¾	57¾
Morgan (JP)	72¾	73
Motorola Inc	89¾	89¾
Natl Medical	11¾	11¾
Natl Semi	16¾	16¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	26¾	26¾
NBD Bancorp	33¾	33¾
NY Times A	25¾	25¾
Newmont Mng	58¾	57¾
Niag Mohawk	24¾	24¾
Nike B	56¾	56
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	27¾	27¾
Norfolk Sthrn	63¾	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	26¾	26¾
Nynex Corp	90	90¾
Occidental Pet	21¾	21¾
Ohio Edison	25	25¾
Oracle Systems	50¾	51¾

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Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	42¾	42¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	69	69¾
Paccar Inc	61¾	61¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	34¾	34¾
Pac Telesis	49¾	49¾
Pall Corp	16¾	16¾
Panhandle East	24¾	24¾
Paramount Comm	52¾	52¾
Parker Hannifin	31¾	31¾
Penney (JC)	45¾	45¾
Pennzoil	64¾	65¾
Pepsico	37¾	37¾
Pfizer	60	61¾
Phelps Dodge	47¾	47¾
Phila Elec	31¾	31¾
Philip Morris	47¾	47¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	41¾	41¾
Polaroid	37	38¾
Price Co	31¾	31¾
Primerica	54¾	54¾
Procter & Gmbl	48¾	49¾
Pub Serv E & G	35¾	35¾
Quaker Oats	64¾	64¾
Ralston Purina	38¾	38¾
Raychem Corp	35¾	35¾
Raytheon	58¾	58¾
Reebok Intl	27	27
Reynolds Metals	50¾	50¾
Roadway Srvs	62¾	62
Rockwell Intl	33¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	50¾	50¾
Royal Dutch	94¾	94¾
Rubbermaid	29¾	30
Safeco Corp	67¾	67¾
St Paul's Cos	86¾	86¾
Salomon Inc	40¾	40¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	23¾	23
Scecorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	61¾	63
Schlumberger	64	63¾
Scott Paper	31¾	31
Seagram	28¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	50¾	50¾
Shell Trans	57¾	57¾
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	43¾	43¾
Southern Co	41¾	41¾
Sthwestern Bell	40¾	40¾
Sprint Corp	36¾	36¾
Stanley Works	41¾	41¾
Sun Company	27	27¾
Suntrust	45¾	45¾
Supervalu	36¾	36¾
Syntex Corp	17¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	64¾	64¾
Tandem Comp	10¾	10¾
Tandy Corp	28¾	29
Telecom Corp	7¾	7¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	44¾	45
Tenneco	49¾	49¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Inst	70¾	71¾
Texas Utilities	48	48
Textron	53¾	52¾
Time Warner	38¾	38¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	33¾	34¾
Torchmark	57¾	56¾
Toys R Us	38¾	37
Transamerica	55¾	55¾
Travelers Corp	31¾	31¾
Tribune	50¾	50¾
Tyco Labs	39¾	39¾
UAL Corp	141¾	139
UST Inc	29¾	28¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unilever NV	97	97¾
Union Camp	43¾	43¾
Union Carbide	18¾	19¾
Union Pacific	63¾	63¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAir Group	16¾	16¾
USF&G Corp	18	18¾
US Life	41¾	41¾
US West	47¾	47¾
United Tech	54¾	54¾
Unocal Corp	29	29
Upjohn	28¾	28¾
VF Corp	44¾	44¾
WMX Tech	30¾	31¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	67¾	67¾
Wells Fargo	115¾	115¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	16
Weyerhaeuser	39	39¾
Whirlpool	62	62
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	57¾	56¾
Woolworth	25¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	36¾	36
Xerox	73¾	73¾

BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	171½	-½
Business Post (120)	143	+2
Celsis International (100)	101	...
Court Cavendish (225)	191	-5
Creston Warrants	7	...
Devro International (170)	198	+1
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	94	...
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	48	...
Eaglet Inv Trust	99	+½
Eaglet Inv Warrants	45	...
Enviromed (110)	115	...
Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	19½	-1½
Field Group (250)	284	-1
Fine Decor (210)	262	+1

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	402.00	423.40	+9.70	...
Series Equity	504.40	533.80	+11.70	...
Series Prop Fd	408.80	430.60	+14.70	...
Series Fixed Int	314.90	333.30	+1.10	...
Series Money Fd	240.70	254.80	+0.20	...
Series Overs Fd	310.90	329.10	-13.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.25	18.16	+0.01	...
Bear	18.42	19.39	+0.29	...
Owl	18.27	19.24	+0.47	...
Bull	16.51	17.38	+0.40	...
Stag	17.38	18.30	+0.33	...
Gilt Edged	18.17	18.17	+0.12	...
Deposit	15.21	15.21	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.97	24.18	+0.02	...
Bear	24.51	25.81	+0.49	...
Owl	24.23	25.51	+0.74	...
Bull	20.75	21.85	+0.60	...
Stag	21.21	22.33	+0.47	...
Gilt Edged	22.26	22.26	+0.16	...
Deposit	19.26	19.26	+0.01	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	537.14	537.15	+9.58	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	320.27	337.13	+6.83	...
N Amer Equity	280.57	295.34	+5.77	...
Far East Equity	375.08	394.83	+9.22	...
Fixed	284.43	299.41	+1.96	...
Cash Deposit	196.71	206.02	+0.13	...
Property	125.15	131.74	+3.01	...
Special Opp	337.06	354.81	+2.31	...
Managed	281.27	296.08	+5.94	...
Index-Linked Fd	188.02	197.92	+0.65	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	256.50	270.10	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	451.40	475.20	+6.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	155.60	163.80	+4.70	...
-do- Acc	202.10	212.80	+6.20	...
Selective Fd	450.10	473.80	+8.50	...
Money Fd	359.10	378.10	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	351.70	370.30	+4.70	...
Equity Ser 4	197.90	208.30	+4.60	...
Man Ser 4	609.90	642.10	-14.10	...
Conv Ser 4	314.70	331.30	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	314.40	331.00	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	332.50	350.10	+3.00	...
American Ser 4	498.20	513.90	+16.97	...
High Inc Ser 4	603.50	635.30	-15.60	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	204.30	215.10	+2.20	...
Japan Ser 4	376.20	396.00	+19.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1433.8	1509.2	+36.60	...
European Fd Acc	311.30	327.70	+5.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	510.60	537.40	+6.60	...
Gtd Money Acc	319.80	336.60	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	542.90	571.40	+12.90	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	321.30	338.20	+3.20	...
Japan Fund	303.20	319.10	+13.30	...
N American Acc	308.40	324.60	+9.70	...
Prop Fd Acc	370.00	389.40	+0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	958.30	1008.7	+20.70	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	356.00	374.80	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1274.5	1341.6	+40.40	...
Property Acc	475.50	500.60	+0.60	...
Far East Acc	267.90	282.10	+10.10	...
Managed Capital	497.80	524.10	+14.80	...
-do- Acc	985.30	1037.2	+27.60	...
Overseas Acc	857.90	903.10	+29.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	452.70	476.60	+5.60	...
Amer Equity Acc	715.00	752.70	+10.30	...
Amer Man Acc	307.90	324.20	+5.50	...
Amer Prop Acc	117.20	123.40	+1.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	137.10	144.30	+0.50	...
Balced Ser 5	631.30	664.50	+14.30	...
Opportunity Ser 5	144.40	151.90	+4.60	...
Distribution Ser 5	96.30	101.30	...	...
UK Equities Ser 5	870.30	916.10	+30.10	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	927.60	978.40	+30.10	...
North Amer Ser 5	428.10	450.60	+16.20	...
Far East Ser 5	518.40	545.60	+31.10	...
Europe Ser 5	315.20	331.70	+8.60	...
Intnl Ser 5	516.00	543.10	+27.50	...
Property Ser 5	456.30	480.80	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	398.00	418.90	+3.90	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec 55	176.70	186.40	+1.40	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	283.70	298.60	...	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	756.10	795.90	+15.60	...
-do- Initial	523.40	551.00	+9.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	373.90	393.60	+3.40	...
-do- Initial	261.10	274.90	+1.40	...
International Acc	369.50	388.60	+11.00	...
-do- Initial	256.20	269.70	+6.90	...
Managed Acc	475.70	500.80	+9.70	...
-do- Initial	330.80	348.30	+5.90	...
Money Acc	278.90	293.60	+0.20	...
Property Acc	247.10	260.20	+0.40	...
-do- Initial	170.80	179.80	+0.10	...
America Acc	277.50	292.20	+7.90	...
Australia Acc	186.00	195.80	+3.60	...
Financial Acc	291.40	306.80	+7.00	...
500 Accum	406.00	427.40	+3.75	...
Japan Genl Acc	385.70	406.00	+20.20	...
Income Acc	482.40	507.80	+10.10	...
Leisure Acc	194.80	205.10	+3.10	...
Special Sits Acc	210.00	221.10	+7.70	...
Univ Tech Acc	140.80	148.30	+5.90	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	729.59	729.59	+15.16	...
Income Fund	694.62	731.18	+13.72	...
Extra Income	637.76	671.33	+12.30	...
Worldwide Gth	449.36	473.02	+10.39	...
Balanced Fund	599.97	631.55	+16.39	...
Smllr Cos Recov	594.58	625.88	-0.47	...
N Amer & Genrl	361.85	380.90	+7.98	...
Pacific Basin	361.24	380.26	+15.82	...
German Growth	202.34	212.99	+2.12	...
Japan Growth	179.58	189.04	+7.55	...
The UK Gth Fd	189.01	198.96	+4.02	...
Contl Euro Gth	107.91	113.59	+2.95	...
Property Fund	347.17	365.45	+2.81	...
Fixed Interest	298.77	314.50	-0.37	...
Cash Fund	271.58	285.88	+0.18	...
Managed Inv	445.08	468.51	+9.64	...
Nth Amer Recov	236.41	248.86	+1.23	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	412.36	434.07	+10.74	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	145.60	154.00	+2.00	...
Performance Plus	140.60	148.70	+2.30	...
With Profit Perf	162.90	172.30	+0.10	...
UK Opportunity	161.50	170.80	+3.20	...
Euro Opportunity	182.30	192.90	+2.80	...
North Amer Opp	141.50	149.70	+2.30	...
Far East Opp	166.00	175.60	+4.50	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	146.20	153.90	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	152.80	161.60	+0.30	...
Fixed Int	175.00	185.10	-1.80	...
Cash	149.90	158.60	+0.20	...
Overseas	163.10	172.50	+1.90	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	
Managed	299.90	315.70	+4.80	...
Property	198.20	208.70	+1.60	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	230.40	242.60	+1.10	...
Index-Linked	181.60	191.20	+0.90	...
Equity	327.50	344.80	+5.50	...
Cash	209.40	220.50	+0.30	...
Clife Euro Mgd	316.70	333.40	+4.00	...
Clife Intl Fd	343.10	361.20	+7.50	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£114.90	...	+4.60	...
Property Units	£25.74			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£61.00	£64.55	+1.74	...
2nd Equity Acc	579.50	613.20	-21.10	...
2nd High Inc Ac	559.70	592.30	-16.50	...
2nd Property Acc	236.00	249.70		
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	174.50	184.60	+2.70	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	433.50	458.70	-12.90	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	210.20	222.40	+6.00	...
2nd Deposit Acc	269.60	285.30	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	287.50	304.20	+2.60	...
2nd Amer Acc	631.30	668.00	-18.10	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	254.90	269.70	+2.50	...
2nd Index Acc	190.50	201.60	+1.60	...
2nd Far East Acc	412.00	436.00	-20.20	...
2nd Global Acc	164.00	173.50	+5.60	...
2nd Euro Acc	139.30	147.40	+1.20	...
2nd Japan Acc	217.80	230.50	+9.80	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.40	72.40		
2nd Inv Cu Bd Acc	156.90	166.00	+2.40	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	116.50	123.30	+3.90	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	176.80	186.20		
Managed Fund	543.00	571.60	+13.80	...
Equity Fund	310.80	327.20	+10.80	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	261.60	275.40	+7.20	...
Ruby	152.30	160.40	+6.10	...
Emerald	138.30	145.60	+1.30	...
Equity	293.50	309.00	+6.00	...
Property	183.80	193.50	+1.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	201.30	211.90	+2.50	...
Indexed Secs	161.80	170.40	+1.50	...
Cash	179.10	188.60	+0.20	...
Nth American	204.30	215.10	+4.10	...
Far East	265.80	279.80	-10.20	...
International	215.00	226.40	+8.50	...
Special Sits	289.00	304.30	-11.20	...
Intl Income	264.30	278.30	+6.80	...
American Inc	180.30	189.80	+4.20	...
European	260.50	274.30	+8.60	...
Japanese	158.40	166.80	+8.40	...
SE Asia	284.00	299.00	+9.60	...
With Profits Reg	149.20	157.10	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	149.20	157.10	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	287.80	303.00	+8.40	...
Equity	336.10	353.90	+11.80	...
Property	172.90	182.10	+0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	240.70	253.40	+3.50	...
Index Linked	170.10	179.10	+1.70	...
Cash	224.90	236.70	+0.20	...
Nth American	255.60	269.10	+6.70	...
Far East Acc	323.20	340.30	+17.70	...
International Acc	268.90	283.10	+10.40	...
Special Sits	427.70	450.30	-11.50	...
European Flex	349.70	368.20	+8.80	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	£207.31			
-do- Pacemaker	£286.96	...		
-do- Cash	196.38	206.72	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	860.45	905.74	+0.97	...
-do- Fxd Int	346.51	364.75	-1.43	...
-do- Managed	348.54	366.88	-0.12	...
-do- Property	283.21	298.12	+1.83	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	205.84	216.68	+4.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	287.40	302.53	+0.30	...
-do- Equity Cap	1308.0	1376.9	+35.71	...
-do- Equity Inv	1820.3	1922.4	+50.35	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	380.55	400.59	+1.81	...
-do- Fixed Inv	531.33	559.30	+2.90	...
-do- Index Cap	204.44	215.21	+0.91	...
-do- Index Inv	285.45	300.48	+1.47	...
Mngd Cap	527.27	555.03	+10.64	...
Mngd Inv	736.18	774.94	+15.37	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£616.21	...	-13.13	...
Var Ann (5)	184.28	...	+1.21	...
Prime: Managed	368.00	387.40	+31.80	...
Prime: UK Equity	438.70	461.80	-15.80	...
Prime: Int Equity	279.80	294.60	-10.90	...
Prime: Property	196.70	207.10	+0.20	...
Prime Fxd Int	234.60	247.00	+2.10	...
Prime Index-Lnk	168.10	177.00	+2.10	...
Prime: Cash	196.70	207.10	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1019.4	1073.0	-2.10	...
Equity Fund	1443.1	1519.0	-0.60	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	546.30	575.00	+16.10	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	355.20	373.80	+3.50	...
Life Equity Acc	745.30	784.40	+24.70	...
Life Money Acc	290.20	305.40	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	704.20	741.20	+26.00	...
Life Intl Acc	476.70	501.70	+12.60	...
Life High Inc Acc	720.30	758.20	+23.10	...
Life Property Acc	214.10	225.30	+3.60	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3	...	...	
Brewin Equity	634.40	667.70	+13.30	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	167.80	176.70	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	226.40	238.40	+5.70	...
-do- Series 2	145.50	153.20	+3.70	...
Adventurous Fd	196.10	206.50	+7.80	...
-do- Series 2	147.50	155.30	+5.90	...
Performance Fd	236.30	248.80	+7.70	...
-do- Series 2	153.10	161.20	+5.10	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	140.60	148.10	+1.00	...
UK Equity Fund	143.10	150.70	+3.40	...
Property Fund	103.50	109.00	+0.10	...
Environmntl Opps	140.90	148.40	+2.80	...
Euro Fund	149.50	157.40	+3.60	...
North Amer Fd	181.80	191.40	+4.90	...
Oriental Ops	164.40	173.10	+4.50	...
Japanese Fund	131.60	138.60	+6.30	...
Bd & West Life	116.00	122.20	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	126.90	133.60	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	248.70	257.70	+7.30	3.55
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	278.40	293.10	+6.60	...
UK Equity	370.60	390.20	+9.40	...
Stewardship	315.40	332.10	+4.10	...
Overseas Equity	250.90	264.20	+7.70	...
North American	138.70	146.10	+4.80	...
Pacific Basin	141.60	149.10	+6.20	...
European	175.10	184.40	+3.80	...
Property	186.20	196.00	-2.30	...
Fixed Interest	219.80	231.40	+2.90	...
Index Linked	160.30	168.80	+1.80	...
Cash	191.60	201.70	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	322.30	339.30	+15.60	...
GT Plan Wwide	466.00	490.60	+21.40	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	186.90	196.60	+4.90	...
Unitised Profit	122.20	128.60	+0.20	...
UK Equity	251.50	264.60	+7.20	...
Fixed Int	188.20	198.00	+2.30	...
Index-Linked	161.20	169.60	+1.90	...
Cash Deposit	167.70	176.40	+0.10	...
Property	164.60	173.40	+0.20	...
International	167.20	175.90	+4.30	...
American	149.50	157.30	+2.60	...
Japan	257.00	270.50	-10.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	263.60	277.40	+11.10	...
European	157.60	165.80	+2.00	...
Pacific Fund	223.00	234.60	+6.50	...
Conv Life	131.20	138.10	+2.10	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	657.80	657.80	+14.40	...
-do- Inv A	657.70	692.40	-15.10	...
UK Equity	374.00	393.80	+9.00	...
Gilt Plus	202.90	213.70	+2.10	...
Managed	287.50	302.80	+6.70	...
Inter Man	258.10	271.80	+5.50	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	656.40	691.70	-15.50	...
Money Fund	303.70	319.70	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	549.40	578.90	...	...
Fixed Interest	271.20	285.50	...	...
Property Fund	337.20	355.30	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	523.00	551.10	+10.00	...
Income	682.40	718.50	+17.10	...
International Gth	569.30	599.80	+21.60	...
Capital Fund	565.70	596.10	+3.30	...
Recovery Fund	568.90	599.50	+11.10	...
Japan & General	285.20	300.50	+13.10	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	690.60	677.70	+4.00	...
Managed Initial	435.60	458.00	-14.60	...
-do- Acc	601.80	633.50	+20.40	...

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Equity Initial	630.20	663.30	+22.30	...
-do- Acc	871.70	917.60	+31.30	...
Fixed Int Initial	429.00	451.50	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	593.40	624.60	+7.90	...
Intl Initial	429.30	451.90	-13.00	...
-do- Acc	593.90	625.10	-18.20	...
Nth Amer Initial	177.90	187.30	+4.80	...
-do- Acc	224.00	235.80	+6.20	...
Pacific Initial	236.50	248.90	-10.90	...
-do- Acc	294.90	310.40	+13.70	...
Property Initial	150.90	158.80	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	208.70	219.70	+1.10	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	159.20	167.50	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	200.40	210.90	+2.60	...
Deposit Initial	193.70	203.90	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	268.00	282.10	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	84.70	89.10	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	98.50	103.70	+1.90	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	149.80	157.60	+3.20	...
-do- Pens	179.20	188.60	+4.90	...
UK Equity	148.20	156.00	+3.40	...
-do- Pens	164.40	173.00	+4.80	...
International	133.70	140.70	+3.10	...
-do- Pens	145.23	152.80	+4.00	...
Deposit	134.70	141.70	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	156.80	165.00	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	353.70	373.10	+8.20	...
North America	328.50	346.30	-11.90	...
Far East Fund	541.60	576.20	-18.50	...
Global Managed	421.70	444.10	+6.50	...
Deposit Fund	220.00	231.60	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	225.70	238.70	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	68.90	73.40	+0.50	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	466.60	492.50	+12.50	...
British Fund	471.10	498.60	+14.30	...
International	476.30	504.10	-14.60	...
Dollar Fund	347.40	367.70	+9.40	...
Capital Fund	426.70	451.60	+13.21	...
Income Fund	642.50	679.00	+9.70	...
Property Series A	386.00	408.50	+1.50	...
Property Units	625.90	657.20	+2.50	...
Financial Fund	506.70	536.50	-11.90	...
Managed Ser A	497.40	526.40	-13.20	...
-do- C	271.90	287.80	...	...
Managed Units	889.00	935.90	+23.60	...
High Yield Fund	616.10	652.00	-12.90	...
Money Series A	275.20	291.80	+0.20	...
Money Units	367.50	382.70	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	562.20	595.00	-17.50	...
Fixed Interest	364.80	386.10	+5.40	...
Indexed Secs	179.20	188.60	+2.00	...
European Fund	645.60	683.40	-12.80	...
Natural Res	272.80	288.70	-10.70	...
Far East Fund	590.70	622.90	-24.90	...
Smaller Cos	426.30	451.20	+3.00	...
Special Sits	411.70	435.70	+9.60	...
Man Currency	253.50	268.30	+1.20	...
Japanese Tech	221.90	247.80	+12.50	...
US Smaller Cos	219.90	232.70	+11.90	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 49331				
Global Managed	501.40	527.80	-13.20	...
Global Property	257.90	271.40		
Global Fixed Int	489.90	515.70	+3.60	...
Global Equity	372.70	392.30	+16.20	...
Global Cash	204.30	215.00	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gilt Mgd	464.00	488.40	+1.70	...
Property	423.80	446.10	+0.20	...
Managed	384.90	405.20	+10.30	...
American	384.20	404.40	-10.00	...
UK Equity Fd	411.50	433.20	+12.50	...
Japan	224.40	236.20	+15.10	...
Index-Lkd	182.30	192.00	+0.70	...
High Yield	778.60	819.60	+19.80	...
Growth Cap	418.90	440.90	+1.50	...
Money	283.90	298.80	+0.30	...
International	365.70	384.90	+13.20	...
Henderson Active	200.40	210.90	+3.70	...
Perpetual Active	284.20	299.20	+7.80	...
Growth Cap	419.90	441.90	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	599.90	631.50	+15.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Inc	135.20	142.20	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	179.45	188.90	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	130.50	137.30	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	155.30	163.50	+3.60	...
Cash Initial	167.10	175.90	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	277.70	293.30	+0.40	...
Equity Initial	622.70	654.50	+17.50	...
-do- Acc	904.10	1046.5	+29.70	...
Fixed Initial	355.90	374.60	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	578.90	609.40	+5.00	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	135.40	142.50	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	190.50	200.60	+1.90	...
Intl Initial	327.60	344.90	-11.60	...
-do- Acc	532.50	562.00	+19.80	...
Managed Initial	447.40	471.00	+12.20	...
-do- Acc	738.30	776.90	+20.10	...
Property Initial	159.10	167.50	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	312.00	329.50	+1.30	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5FB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	328.80	346.20	+9.50	...
UK Equity	538.00	566.40	+11.00	...
Property	279.20	293.90	+0.10	...
Money Market	242.20	255.00	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	307.50	323.70	+3.40	...
Japan	425.30	447.70	+30.50	...
North America	154.20	162.40	+4.50	...
International	280.30	295.00	+10.40	...

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European	245.00	257.90	+5.30	...
Far East	127.70	134.50	+5.70	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£820.50	...	+19.00	...
Fixed Interest	£390.90	...	+2.70	...
Property	£345.10	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£278.90	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£539.70	...	-10.30	...
Indexed Stock	£205.60	...	+1.10	...
International	£266.20	...	+5.30	...
Equity A	£190.80	...	+4.40	...
Fixed Int A	£173.80	...	+1.20	...
Property A	£152.00	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£164.50	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£177.80	...	+3.40	...
Index Stock A	£161.40	...	+1.00	...
International A	£166.70	...	+3.40	...
Equity P	£668.70	...	+19.50	...
Fixed Int P	£504.40	...	+3.60	...
Property P	£274.20	...	+0.40	...
Deposit P	£324.10	...	+0.20	...
Mixed P	£440.50	...	+11.80	...
Index Stock P	£235.00	...	+1.20	...
International P	£304.30	...	+7.60	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£553.60	...	+10.00	...
-do- Acc	£872.10	...	+16.60	...
Property Cap	£156.40	...	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	£238.70	...	+0.50	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£201.20	...	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	£307.70	...	+2.00	...
Equity Cap	£302.30	...	+6.60	...
-do- Acc	£461.50	...	+10.70	...
Internatl Cap	£227.10	...	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	£347.90	...	+7.80	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£169.60	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£256.80	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£333.40	...	+6.10	...
-do- Acc	£514.40	...	+9.90	...
Moneymaker Fd	£405.10	...	+7.50	...
Capital Growth	£1492.8	...	-34.40	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	392.40	412.10	-13.70	...
Amer Rec Bond	451.80	474.50	+9.60	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	220.60	231.80	+4.10	...
Australasia Bd	206.20	216.60	+9.40	...
Commodity Bond	261.70	274.80	+13.00	...
Deposit Bond Acc	347.00	364.40	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1308.3	1373.9	+25.80	...
European Bd Acc	307.60	323.10	+6.80	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	650.20	682.80	+15.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	275.60	289.50	+8.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	425.20	446.60	+3.40	...
Gold Bond Acc	160.20	168.30	-20.30	...
High Yield Bond	321.60	337.90	+6.00	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	203.90	214.20	+1.40	...
International Bd	690.50	725.20	-22.20	...
Japan Bond Acc	287.80	302.30	+11.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	260.70	273.80	+9.50	...
Managed Bonds	795.80	836.00	+10.20	...
Prop Bond Acc	300.20	315.40	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	671.90	705.60	-12.70	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	211.30	222.90	+5.80	...
UK Equity Acc	284.30	299.30	+7.90	...
Special Sits	87.70	92.40	+1.30	...
Special Sits Acc	118.10	124.60	+1.60	...
North American	178.70	188.20	+3.50	...
N American Acc	240.90	253.20	+4.70	...
Pacific Basin	348.70	367.10	+12.60	...
Pacific Basin Acc	469.20	493.90	+17.20	...
Fixed Interest	288.50	303.70	+2.00	...
Fixed Interest Acc	388.70	409.20	+2.90	...
Property	152.70	160.80	+0.20	...
Property Acc	205.80	216.70	+0.50	...
Deposit	151.80	159.80	...	...
Deposit Acc	205.00	215.80	+0.20	...
Managed	244.60	257.50	+6.30	...
Managed Acc	303.40	319.40	+7.90	...
MANULIFE GROUP St George's Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	649.60	683.80	+15.10	...
Property Fund	475.80	500.80	-1.60	...
Equity Fund	799.50	841.60	+24.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	587.20	618.10	+4.80	...
Deposit Fund	316.40	333.10	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	338.70	355.60	+11.10	...
International	539.50	567.90	+17.20	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 286366 Prices: 081 739 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	395.50	416.30	+0.70	...
Equity Bond	312.00	328.40	+8.00	...
Money Mrkt Bd	329.30	357.10	+3.90	...
Deposit Fund	363.10	382.30	+0.40	...
Managed Fund	437.00	460.00	+7.10	...
Intl Equity	522.00	549.40	-10.40	...
Intl Managed	488.50	514.20	+9.70	...
North American	203.30	214.00	+3.70	...
Far East	395.70	416.50	+9.60	...
Intl Currency	259.40	273.00	+0.40	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	132.60	139.50	+2.00	...
Fixed Interest	517.80	545.00	+2.00	...
Managed	635.60	669.00	+8.90	...
Deposit	324.20	341.20	+0.20	...
Property	377.20	397.00	+1.50	...
American	386.00	406.40	+4.30	...
Australian	481.40	495.60	+14.00	...
European	464.80	489.20	+8.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	252.00	265.20	+1.90	...
Global Managed	128.80	135.90	+1.80	...
Income Acc	705.60	742.70	+6.00	...
-do- Dist	441.00	464.30	+5.20	5.13
International	292.00	307.30	+5.80	...

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Japan Smaller	512.10	539.00	+12.80	...
Singapore & Mal	303.70	319.60	+5.90	...
Smaller Cos	352.30	370.80	+12.70	...
Tokyo Fund	698.70	735.40	-29.90	...
UK Equity	546.40	575.10	+16.90	...
CCM Vanged Mg	672.20	707.50	+10.00	...
Equity Pens Cap	892.90	939.80	+16.80	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	435.50	458.50	+12.60	...
UK Equity	538.90	567.30	+18.60	...
Overseas Equity	436.40	459.40	+13.20	...
American	388.50	409.40	+8.40	...
Far East	487.30	512.80	+23.90	...
Property	199.00	209.50	+1.50	...
Fixed Interest	347.00	365.30	+3.40	...
Indexed Gilt	222.40	234.20	+2.20	...
Deposit	207.00	217.90	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1264.2	1330.7	+32.00	...
Eqty Fund	2735.5	2879.5	+77.00	...
Property Fd	454.40	478.30	+2.80	...
Fixed Int Fd	575.00	605.30	+6.50	...
Deposit Fund	331.50	348.90	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	217.10	228.50	+6.00	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	144.40	152.00	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	274.70	289.20	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1087.6	1144.9	+31.30	...
Inv Managed	761.80	801.90	+18.30	...
Ret Managed	845.50	890.00	+24.20	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	722.70	768.90	+18.70	...
Cash Fund	326.10	341.60	+0.40	...
Property Fund	222.30	236.50	...	...
Equity Fund	833.40	886.60	+23.90	...
Fxd Interest Fund	435.90	459.40	-0.70	...
International	373.10	397.00	+11.50	...
High Income	654.80	696.70	+19.60	...
Far East	518.00	551.10	+21.10	...
North American	499.70	531.60	+15.30	...
Special Sits	575.30	612.10	+13.10	...
Technology	473.60	503.90	+8.70	...
Extra Income Fd	349.10	371.40	+10.40	...
Gilt Fund	459.30	488.70	+3.20	...
European	134.70	143.30	+3.70	...
Adventurous Mg	192.10	202.30	+6.20	...
Secure Mgd	135.00	143.70	+2.30	...
Equity Inc Dist	113.20	120.50	+2.80	4.72
North American	106.60	113.50	+2.50	5.35
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	273.10	288.10	+9.50	...
Fxd Interest Acc	226.60	239.10	+0.20	...
International Acc	244.40	257.90	+9.20	...
Managed Acc	204.50	215.70	+5.20	...
Property Acc	221.00	233.20	-0.10	...
Money Acc	147.60	155.70	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	203.50	214.70	+6.50	...
Japan Equity Acc	133.00	140.40	-7.60	...
N Amer Acc	157.10	165.80	+3.60	...
Pacific Acc	147.10	155.20	+5.70	...
European Acc	139.40	147.10	+2.80	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	428.40	450.90	+10.30	...
Managed Initial	301.80	317.70	+7.10	...
Equity Ord	640.40	674.60	+19.30	...
Equity Init	451.60	475.40	+13.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	199.50	210.00	+1.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	146.80	154.50	+1.20	...
Overs Equity Ord	346.60	364.80	+9.50	...
Overs Equity Init	244.20	257.10	+6.70	...
Property Ord	229.80	241.90	+0.30	...
Property Init	161.90	170.40	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	270.00	284.20	+2.70	...
Fixed Int Init	190.30	200.30	+1.90	...
Deposit Ord	197.50	207.90	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.10	146.40	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	304.90	317.70	+2.00	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	681.50	717.40	+11.80	...
Equity Fund	1314.8	1384.1	+22.60	...
Intl Fund	540.10	568.60	+12.10	...
Fixed Interest	554.10	583.30	+1.40	...
Property Fund	376.70	396.60	...	...
Cash Fund	340.30	358.50	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	302.90	318.90	+7.30	...
N American Fd	220.20	231.80	+7.20	...
Euro Fund	227.60	239.60	+3.40	...
Balanced Fund	137.10	144.40	+2.20	...
Strategic Fund	142.30	149.80	+2.80	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£671.43	...	+9.43	...
-do- Acc	428.50	451.10	+4.80	...
Op Prop	417.60	439.60	...	...
Op Equity	880.50	926.00	+9.10	...
Op High Yield	553.80	583.00	+5.70	...
Op Managed	748.80	788.30	+10.10	...
Op Deposit	376.30	396.20	+0.50	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	295.90	311.50	+1.80	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	268.30	282.50	+16.00	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sit	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	236.40	248.90	+5.80	...
Gilt	79.60	83.80	+0.90	...
Amer (38.34)	...	...	...	...
British	351.40	369.90	+12.00	...
Global Bond	117.20	123.40	+1.60	...
Global (35.34)	162.30	170.90	+4.50	...
Gold Share	81.60	85.90	+8.00	...
High Income	284.10	299.10	+7.70	...
Income	409.40	431.00	+11.60	...
Japan	451.50	475.30	+26.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	300.60	316.50	+3.20	...
Mngd Growth	422.30	444.60	+11.00	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	897.20	949.40	+23.40	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	358.90	377.70	+9.30	...
Equity Fund	488.10	513.70	+19.40	...
Property Fund	259.70	273.30	+5.90	...
International	433.00	455.70	-15.10	...
Pacific Basin	281.20	295.90	+16.50	...
United States	227.70	239.60	+9.40	...
Gilt Fund	347.60	365.80	+3.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	681.80	721.50	+13.10	...
Deposit Fund (2)	352.00	372.50	+0.10	...
Gilt Fund	493.10	521.90	+4.10	...
Global Equity Fd	211.70	224.10	+6.20	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	139.10	147.20	+0.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	519.40	546.80	+12.20	...
Fixed Interest	350.80	369.30	+3.10	...
Index-Linked	192.30	202.50	+2.50	...
International	417.10	439.10	+14.30	...
Property	243.70	256.50	+0.30	...
Cash	221.10	232.80	+0.30	...
Managed	416.10	438.10	+8.90	...
Cap Gteed Bd	101.60	107.00	+3.20	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	173.42	182.55	+0.16	...
Index-Linked	156.10	164.30	+1.70	...
Fixed Interest	174.80	184.00	+2.10	...
Mixed	233.50	245.80	+8.60	...
UK Equity	219.30	230.80	+6.40	...
International	234.40	246.70	+7.80	...
American	240.20	252.80	+7.30	...
Japan	255.80	269.30	+12.40	...
European	215.50	226.80	+5.60	...
Pacific	329.80	347.20	+13.40	...
Technology	309.90	326.20	-12.80	...
Currency/Currncy	223.40	235.20	+2.80	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	179.20	188.70	+1.20	...
UK Equity	323.90	341.10	+8.20	...
American	239.40	252.10	+5.20	...
Pacific	324.20	341.40	-13.60	...
European	406.10	427.50	+5.40	...
International	282.80	297.80	+7.70	...
Fixed Interest	235.70	248.20	+3.30	...
Index Linked	191.90	202.10	+1.80	...
Deposit	185.60	195.50	-0.10	...
Managed	260.90	274.70	+6.30	...
Worldwide	113.20	119.30	+2.50	...
Pen Worldwide	119.40	125.80	+3.80	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1491.8	1537.9	...	...
Safety Fund	233.30	235.10	+3.80	...
Growth Fund	212.50	223.70	+3.90	...
Opportunity Fd	209.00	220.00	+5.30	...
Cash Fund	167.20	176.00	+0.10	...
European Fund	306.30	322.50	+9.30	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	189.50	199.50	+1.80	...
Index-Linked Gilt	180.30	189.80	+2.60	...
International Fd	265.70	279.30	+8.70	...
North American	231.80	244.10	+6.50	...
Property Fund	116.80	123.00	+0.10	...
UK Equity	222.50	234.30	+6.70	...
UK Smaller	204.00	214.80	+3.50	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	243.90	256.90	+4.80	...
Equity	258.90	272.20	+5.60	...
International	235.80	259.30	+7.20	...
Property	196.30	206.80	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	212.30	223.60	+1.40	...
Index Linked	176.70	186.10	+1.80	...
Cash	179.90	189.40	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	844.00	844.00	-3.20	...
Inv Pol 2	769.40	810.20	-3.10	...
Inv Pol 3	740.60	779.70	-3.00	...
Inv Cash	299.60	315.50	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	414.80	436.60	+8.20	...
Equity Fund	486.80	512.70	+13.50	...
Property Fund	205.90	216.80	+0.20	...
International Fd	439.60	462.80	+11.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	357.10	376.00	+2.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	194.30	204.60	+1.60	...
Cash Fund	218.10	229.70	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	341.60	359.50	-5.70	...
Equity Acc	384.50	404.70	+6.80	...
International Acc	320.90	337.70	+6.80	...
Property	207.60	218.50	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	219.00	230.50	+4.50	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	257.80	271.40	+0.10	...
Equity	910.00	957.90	+30.80	...
European	146.30	154.10	+3.00	...
Far East	157.90	166.30	+6.40	...
Fixed Interest	384.10	404.40	+4.00	...
Index Linked	202.40	213.10	+2.00	...
International	564.00	593.70	+16.20	...
Managed	640.40	674.20	+19.20	...
Nth American	141.20	148.70	+2.40	...
Property	311.30	327.70	-0.50	...
Pensions				
Cash	395.90	416.80	+0.40	...
Equity	1289.1	1357.0	+46.70	...
European	173.30	182.50	+4.40	...
Far East	124.80	131.40	+5.40	...
Fixed Interest	513.00	540.10	+5.70	...
Index Linked	280.40	295.20	+2.80	...
International	788.30	829.80	-26.20	...
Managed	885.40	932.10	+28.70	...
Nth American	176.30	185.60	+4.00	...
Property	396.20	417.10	+0.90	...
Stock Exchange	200.20	210.80	+6.80	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	596.10	627.50	+17.50	...
Equity Fund	789.70	831.30	+22.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	404.50	425.80	+4.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	298.40	314.20	+2.90	...
Property Fund	427.10	449.60	+0.30	...
International Fd	579.70	610.30	+18.90	...
N American Fd	225.50	237.40	+7.30	...
Far East Fund	205.70	216.60	+10.60	...
Deposit Fund	282.40	297.30	+0.30	...
International Bd	£276.24	...	+0.25	...
Worldwide Bond	160.10	168.60	+1.70	...
Worldwide Fixd	79.10	83.30	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	94.00	99.00	+0.10	...
European	141.10	148.60	+3.80	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	578.60	609.20	+10.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	404.30	431.80	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£488.60	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£458.20	...	+0.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£764.30	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£734.30	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£386.50	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£410.40	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	£315.30	...	+8.80	...
Investment (A)	£303.20	...	+8.40	...
Equity	£1141.4	...	+30.90	...
Equity Acc	£2096.3	...	-29.60	...
Money Fund	£447.40	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£429.00	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£335.10	...	+12.40	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£377.40	...	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	£377.40	...	+4.40	...
Retire Annuity	£1002.0	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£304.50	...	+5.50	...
Bldg Soc Life	£216.40	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1306.2	...	+33.90	...
Managed Acc	£751.20	...	-2.80	...
Equity Account	£1047.6	...	-0.30	...
Mngd Fund Acc	348.10	366.40	-1.50	...
Equity Fund Acc	461.40	485.70	-0.20	...
Prop Fund Acc	222.20	233.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	295.30	310.90	-0.60	...
Money Fund Acc	212.50	223.70	-0.20	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	201.70	212.40	+0.40	...
Pens Pens Acc	£1662.2	...	+9.80	...
Pens Mngd Accs	772.90	813.60	+4.80	...
Pens Guarantee	224.70	236.50	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	290.70	306.00	+2.40	...
Pens Property	239.00	251.50	+0.30	...
Pens Fixed Int	265.20	279.20	-0.40	...
Pens Intl	219.30	230.80	+1.90	...
Pens Money	223.70	235.50	+0.60	...
Pens Index-Lnkd	189.20	199.10	+0.50	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	813.20	856.00	+21.40	...
Property Acc	304.00	320.00	+1.30	...
Equity Acc	1520.5	1300.0	+41.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	378.00	397.90	+5.10	...
Index-Linked Acc	199.80	210.40	+2.10	...
Cash Acc	296.30	311.90	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	332.90	350.50	+8.00	...
Japan Acc	316.60	333.20	-10.30	...
Pacific Acc	290.60	305.90	+4.70	...
Far Eastern Acc	709.30	746.70	-16.70	...
International Acc	508.90	535.70	+7.60	...
Distribution Fund	277.10	291.70	+4.60	6.43
European	165.80	174.60	+4.70	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	262.00	275.80	+6.70	...
Property Fund	183.50	193.20	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	216.60	228.10	+1.90	...
Money Fund	191.40	201.50	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	341.60	359.60	+10.00	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	239.80	252.60	+0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	43.60	46.80	+1.40	...
Fixed Interest	320.40	337.30	+2.70	...
Gold	90.60	95.40	+10.60	...
Managed	573.60	603.80	+23.90	...
Mngd Growth	181.10	190.70	+10.50	...
Mngd Opp	190.30	200.40	+12.10	...
Property	254.70	268.20	...	...
Residential Prop	92.80	97.70	+0.10	...
TSB American	199.80	210.30	+8.10	...
TSB Brit Gwth	756.50	796.40	+35.10	...
TSB European	243.70	256.60	+13.50	...
TSB Income	364.80	384.00	+11.80	...
TSB Intl	397.10	418.00	-14.10	...
TSB Intl Inc	276.90	291.90	+4.90	...
TSB Pacific	366.30	385.60	+20.40	...
TSB Prem Inc	248.60	259.70	+3.00	...

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Cutting state help for top mortgage debtors may raise the repossession rate and hit prices of luxury homes

Bashing the big borrower

Sara McConnell explains why a cost-cutting move by the government may well backfire

THE super borrowers, or people with mortgages of more than £150,000, can no longer expect unlimited state help to pay their mortgage interest if they lose their jobs and have no savings.

Measures announced in February by Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, to limit help with payments to mortgages of £150,000 or less will be implemented on Monday. Next April payouts will be restricted to loans of less than £125,000.

Lenders fear this could lead to more repossessions, just as figures for repossessions and arrears are starting to show a sustained improvement. Some also suggest that obtaining loans of more than £150,000 will become much harder, and that this could impede the market's recovery, particularly in London and the South East where homes costing more than £150,000 are common.

Mr Lilley announced his intention to limit payouts after widespread publicity given to the cases of two businessmen, Trevor Deaves and Peter Julien. Mr Deaves, who had lost his £400,000 job with the MI insurance group two years before, was receiving £1,833 a week from the social security department to cover payments on his £832,500 mortgage. Mr Julien, an unemployed interior designer, claimed £1,784 a week to pay his £630,000 mortgage and received £32,000 before the house was repossessed.

Since the legislation is not retrospective, it will not affect cases like that of Joanne Willies-Williams, the owner of a 14th century castle in Gloucestershire, who, it emerged this week, has been getting her mortgage interest of £1,500 a month paid by the social security department for more than a year. She has a mortgage of £220,000. She said she had to claim income support because she had no other financial means. "I'm no scrounger. I have to eat. I get £35 a week income support — if I could pay it I would."

The social security department this week repeated Mr Lilley's assertion that "the system was never intended to bail out the super rich on mega-mortgages who made no provision against tough times". It suggested those with big mortgages should take out mortgage payment protection policies with their loan. These pay the interest on the loan if borrowers are unable to work through illness or accident, or if they are made redundant.

About 10,000 people are believed to have loans of more than £150,000 of which 1,500 were claiming income support. When the limit is revised downwards to £125,000, it will affect a further 3,000 people on income support. Like others on income support, they get half their interest paid in the first 16 weeks, after which interest is normally paid in full. The social security department has to decide that the house is not too large for the number of people living there and is not in an unreasonably expensive area.

Some lenders agreed with the Council of Mortgage Lenders' prediction that social security restrictions could be a factor in limiting the supply of larger loans in an already cautious market. David Charlton, assistant general manager (marketing) of Skipton Building Society, said: "There is no doubt we will have to have it built into the equation. It will limit the number of larger loans that we do."

Others say they already look carefully at prospective borrowers' ability to pay. Steve Powell, Cheltenham & Gloucester's assistant general manager, said: "We have always had a fairly cautious view of large loans. Branch managers can now only underwrite loans of up to £150,000". He added: "Some lenders who have offered incentives for larger loans may now choose to make them less attractive."

Larger loans are particularly difficult to come by if the borrower does not have a big deposit and needs to borrow a large proportion of the property's value. Mortgage indemnity insurers, which cover lenders if they need to repossess and there is a shortfall, are in some cases refusing to offer cover for such large loans. Borrowers are increasingly having to find deposits of at least 10 per cent and building societies and banks are deliberately structuring their loans to offer discounts of up to 3 per cent for those only needing to borrow 60 or 70 per cent of the property's value. A possible increase in the number of expensive homes repossessed is also worrying the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Figures issued by the CML this week show an encouraging downturn in repossessions. The number of homes repossessed by mortgage lenders fell to 31,780 in the first half of 1993, 11 per cent less than at the same time last year and lower than at any time since late 1990. Short term arrears also fell by 7 per cent to 191,650 from last December's high of 205,010. But the number of people more than 12 months in arrears is still growing and now totals 158,000 up from 147,040 in the last six months of last year.

John Husband, chairman of the residential division of Humberts, the estate agent, said that, in his experience, repossessions had all but dried up in the higher price ranges. "Until recently, we were handling a large number of repossessed properties. Now there are hardly any. In fact, there is a general shortage of stock, especially in the £200,000 - £400,000 bracket."

The CML and the government have agreed that in cases where the whole mortgage repayments are covered by income support, lenders will not repossess. But those taking out mortgages for more than the social security limits after this week and then getting into trouble with their loans will only be able to claim for cover up to the limit. They will have to meet anything above this. Most people are unlikely to be able to do this, because they would not have qualified for income support if they had capital of more than £8,000.

David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax, said the restriction would be likely to have a "negative effect" on the housing market recovery. The Halifax says the average house price in London and the South East, where prices are highest, is about £76,000 now. At the height of the housing boom in 1988 it was £105,000.

DAVID BENNETT



'There are hardly any repossessed properties now'

John Husband of Humberts sees a top of the market shortage

COLIN SHEPHERD



'I'm no scrounger, I have to eat — if I could pay I would'

Social security pays Joanne Willies-Williams' mortgage interest

Don't cut and run

By Liz Dolan

STRUGGLING homeowners with mounting mortgage arrears, or huge monthly payments on properties worth much less than they paid for them, should fight the urge to hand in the keys and vanish into the night.

In most cases, their names will be added to an industry register, administered by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, and they are unlikely ever to be able to buy another home. CML figures indicate 35 per cent of repossessions occur in this way, but individual lenders report a much higher proportion. Nationwide says two-thirds of repossessions are voluntary, Northern Rock 50 per cent, and the Halifax 45 per cent.

The CML said: "We are anxious to ensure people are not automatically banned." But in most cases, those on the register would be refused a new mortgage.

Those who chose voluntary repossession are unlikely to be rehoused by local authorities, being classed as homeless by choice. They also remain legally responsible for the debt, until the house is sold. Mortgage indemnity insurers have the right to pursue defaulters for any shortfall. Borrowers in dire straits are rarely pursued, but those who opt out over negative equity may be forced to pay.

But although names of mortgage defaulters are passed to credit reference agencies, the information on an agency's mortgage default register is normally only available to other mortgage lenders. So mortgage defaulters who do not admit their sins on a credit card application form, may still be issued with a card. The same applies to other types of lending.

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One for all and all for one



SARA McCONNELL
Personal finance correspondent

Investors who have been sent from pillar to post when trying to register a complaint about an insurance company or salesman will be relieved to know that plans are afoot to simplify the present complaints procedures.

On the face of it, Lord Ackner's proposal this week to reduce several complaints systems to one single unified scheme, with an independent ombudsman as a last resort, look eminently sensible. At the moment, investors with a complaint about a life assurance policy, personal pension or other investment, first have to identify which regulator authorises the company they have been dealing with, then start trawling their way through that regulator's complaints system. Some use ombudsmen, while others use arbitrators. All have different powers and terms of reference. This confusion is a hangover from a now widely discredited regulatory structure that is about to be swept away in favour of the Personal Investment Authority, a single regulator for all retail investments covered by the Financial Services Act.

But the proposals, if they are accepted, will only solve part of the problem. Complaining to the company that sold the policy in the first place is often a waste of time. In many cases, the company disclaims all responsibility and investors are forced to go to an ombudsman. Many investors have found themselves falling through one of the loopholes in the complaints safety net because their plan or policy did not come within the terms of reference of any of the ombudsmen. Just reforming one part of the industry's complaints system in isolation is not going to be enough. The proposed shake-up of the life assurance, pensions and investments complaints handling procedure should be a sign for a wholesale revision of the terms of reference of all the ombudsmen, including those dealing with banking and building society complaints.

Lack of pep

Personal equity plans (Peps) are playing an increasingly important part in the life of the private investor. But the lure of fat commissions on other savings plans appears to be deterring a large chunk of the life assurance industry from offering a full range of Pep-related products.

Most life companies still refuse to offer regular premium Peps to the vast majority of their customers. They privately admit that they would face outright rebellion from their sales forces, who do not want inconvenient considerations like "suitable advice" to come between them and a large commission earned for selling an insurance linked savings plan.

The Prudential is an honourable exception. Sales staff recommending its £25-a-month Pep plans earn little more than half the commission that they would on a ten-year regular savings plan. But the rest seem content to reduce customer choice, regardless of how unsuitable and inflexible insurance plans are for many people. It is this sort of selective marketing that should be eradicated when salesmen have to disclose their commissions.

Holiday rates

Currency dealers have been in their element this week. If there was no turmoil in the currency markets they would not have a job. But the very confusion that is their lifeblood is anathema to ordinary holidaymakers. With the currencies of France, Spain and Portugal yo-yoing as governments struggle to support them and save the exchange-rate mechanism, budgeting for holidays is well-nigh impossible.

But it is not something to get obsessed about. Changing the minimum of cash into foreign currencies and using credit cards and Eurocheques to pay for hotel, restaurant and other bills abroad is one way to make sure of getting at least the best exchange rate on any given day. Buying large amounts of foreign currency and then finding it devalued is bound to be frustrating, but fluctuations on a few days worth of cash are not worth straining the holiday spirit over.

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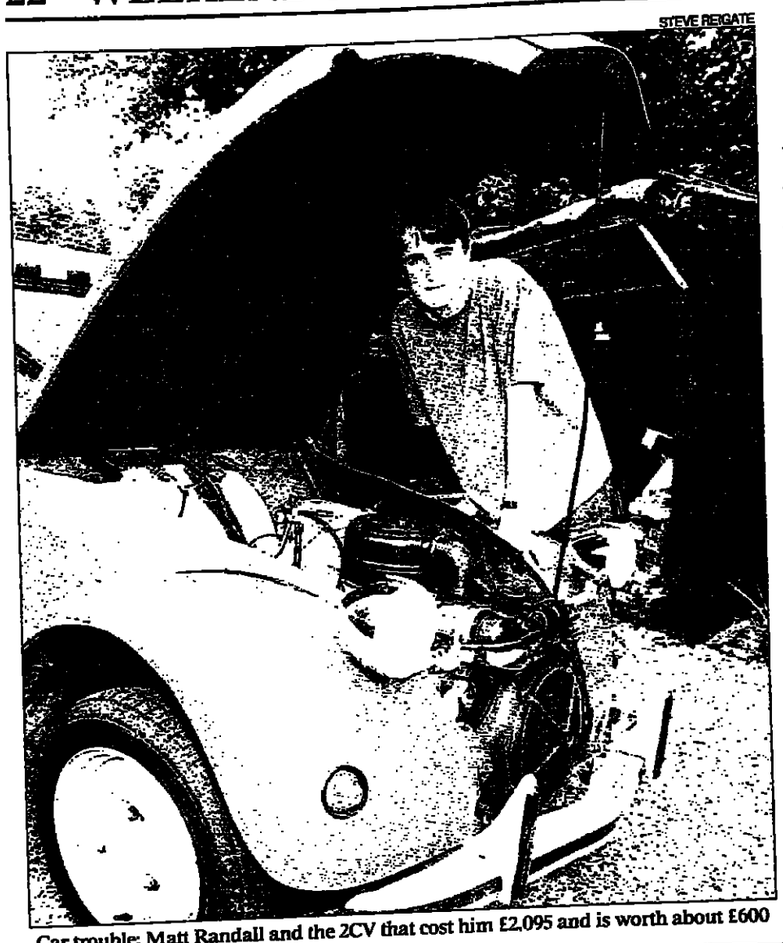
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How to avoid hell on wheels

Not everyone is buying new cars next month. Margaret Dibben looks at the pitfalls in the second-hand market

STEVE REIGATE



Car trouble: Matt Randall and the 2CV that cost him £2,095 and is worth about £600

FOR every proud owner of a brand-new L-registered car, there will be five times as many drivers buying second-hand cars in August. They could be shrewd — a new car loses almost a third* of its value the moment it leaves the showroom — or they could be courting disaster.

HPI Autodata, a vehicle information company, found that one used car in four had a problem when it test-marketed an information service earlier this year. Some cars had been stolen, some were write-offs, others had outstanding loans against them.

Even buying through a local dealer with a three-month guarantee did not help Matt Randall, a student, when he bought a Citroën 2CV, his first car, last September: "I paid £2,095 and it had an MOT just before I bought it. After three weeks, the starter motor went, the indicator arm fell off and all sorts of small things went wrong." The dealer denied responsibility.

Eventually Mr Randall took the car to a Citroën dealer who said the chassis was corroded. "I went back to the garage but they said I'd been driving round the college car park on two wheels, which is quite untrue. I've spent another £350 on the car but the most I could get for it is £600." He has called the AA out so many times they now charge for each visit. He said: "I'd like to have the car at university but I don't know if it will get me there."

Before you fall in love with a car, you should check it out. Both the AA and RAC run vehicle inspection services, costing between £90 and £280 depending on the make of car, and they provide a written report. This can be done within one or two days.

You can also check whether the car and the seller are genuine. HPI Autodata has just launched a nationwide used car information line for anyone buying a second-hand car. The company checks with information from the police, finance houses, DVLA and insurance companies to confirm the identity of the car; whether it has been stolen; any outstanding credit agreements; whether the number plates have been transferred; and if it has been the subject of a substantial insurance claim.

Paul Leo, HPI's managing director, warns: "I have seen cut-and-shut cars, two written-off cars bolted together, and I have not been able to tell it was done until an engineer has shown me. Rarely can that be done safely."

Personalised number plates are easy to buy from the DVLA now, but the seller may transfer these to his next car, replacing the number on the car being sold. Any problems will be logged against the old number so you should check this as well as the new one.

If you buy a stolen car, you lose out completely. It belongs to the insurance company if it has paid up, or the original owner, but not to you.

You might be able to hold on to a car with an unpaid loan depending on the type of finance agreement. Mr Leo explained: "If it is a hire purchase deal and you have bought in all innocence, you can keep the vehicle." But if it has been leased, it can be repossessed, so you lose the car and your money unless you can come to an arrangement to pay the money owing. If there is an outstanding bank loan, the bank will pursue its customer, not you. Alan Field of Billericay was about to buy a Ford Sierra Sapphire for £3,750 when an HPI check showed that there was a debt outstanding. The owner promised to settle this after Mr Field had bought the car, but he decided not to take the risk.

Buyers should always visit the home of the person they are buying from in daylight. Mr Leo advises: "Never meet them halfway or let them bring the car to you, however convenient that might be. You need to know that the address they give is genuine. When you first phone, always ask about the car they are advertising, never specify which car. If they are unsure, they could be traders posing as private buyers."

If you have bought a car without advice and discovered problems with it, check your insurance policy which may include a legal advice service. Paul Asplin, assistant general manager of DAS Legal Expenses Insurance, says: "We have a significant number of calls from car owners with all sorts of problems and we can tell them what to do."

You can also contact your local Trading Standards Officer who will prosecute anyone trading illegally.

HPI Autodata hotline: 0722 422422; available from 8am to 8pm and on Sundays from 10am to 5pm. It costs £15 including VAT and, if you phone with a credit card, you get the information over the phone. If you send a cheque it will take a day.

* *Glass's Guide* calculates this as follows: A new car costs £10,000, of which £1,750 is VAT and about £200 on-the-road charges. If you wanted to sell it back to the garage immediately, it would want a mark-up of about £1,250, so you would get £6,800.

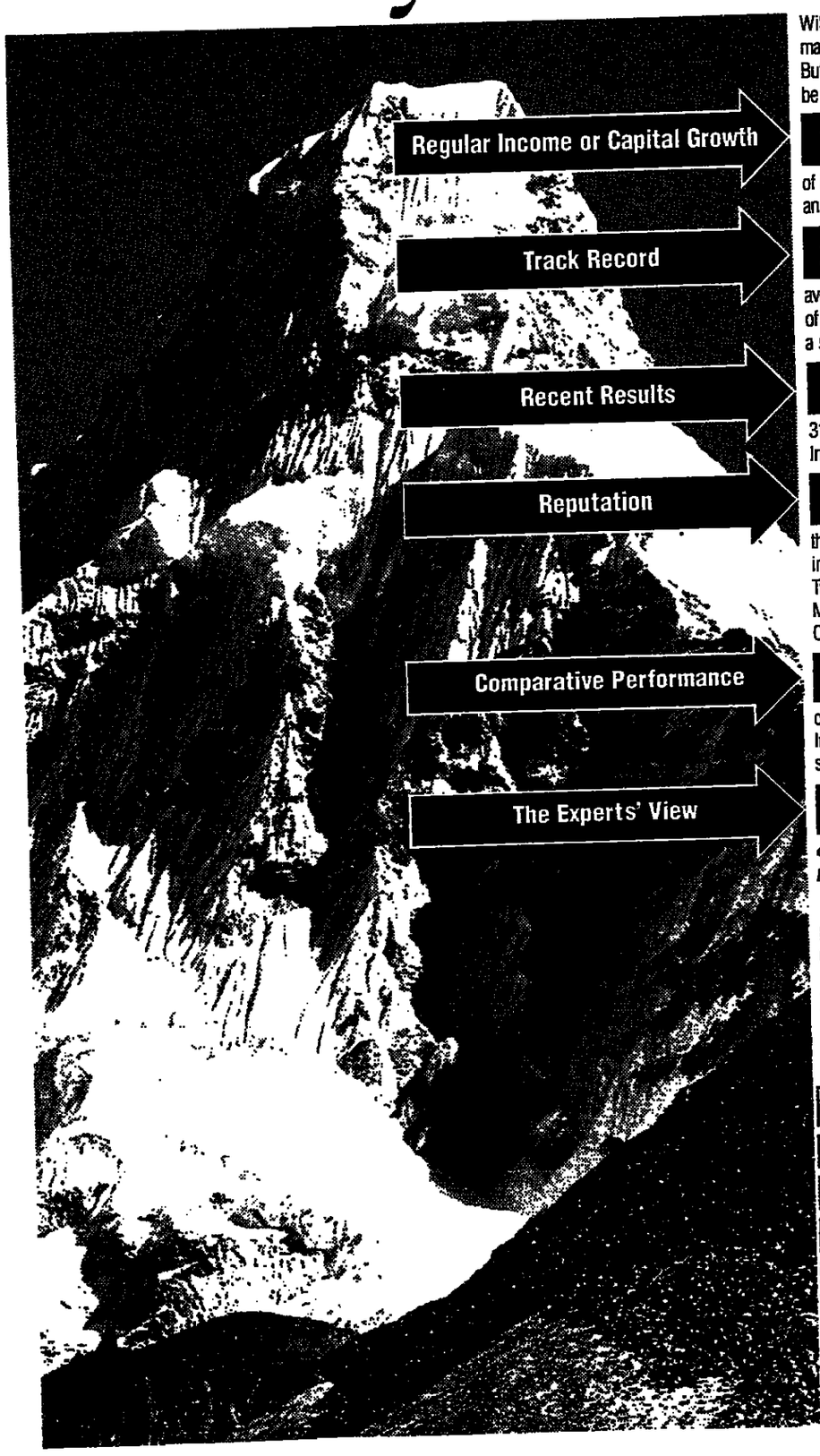
Sad story of Sophie's stolen Saturday car

THE HPI check is not always foolproof. Sophie Stack paid £100 deposit on a car she saw one Saturday. She telephoned HPI who gave the car the all-clear, so the following Monday she paid the balance of £2,800 in cash and drove home. Two days later the car was stolen.

The police told her that the car had already been stolen before she bought it and the criminals had changed the number plates to a duplicate of a genuine car. The log book and MOT certificate were forgeries but this did not show up because, when HPI ran an inspection on the registration number, it was checking the authentic car. Even worse, Mrs Stack's insurance company will not pay up because, as the car was stolen when she bought it, in law it was never her property.

Annette Mansfield, HPI Autodata's operations director, said: "If crooks have made up their mind to do something like this there isn't too much we can do." She strongly recommends that people check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), which is usually on the engine, against the documentation: "We are getting VINs on the system but there is a delay in us getting the DVLA data."

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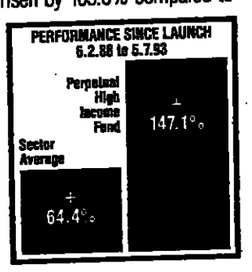
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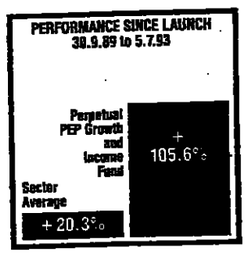
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Retirement nest, egg and a Tessa that never was

WHEN Margaret and George Wheway wanted a nest egg for their retirement, their son Dennis, a financial adviser, suggested a Tessa as the most appropriate vehicle. They decided to go through their local TSB branch, where they had banked happily for years. They are now trying to work out why the TSB signed them up for a ten-year unit-linked life assurance plan instead.

Mr and Mrs Wheway say they were advised that a TSB High Investment Plan was better than a Tessa for people in their circumstances. The plan they were offered invests largely in equities and matures in ten years' time, when Mr Wheway senior will be nearly 74.



Confused: the Wheways

Dennis Wheway said: "It was ridiculous. My parents do not know anything about investment." The bank said it had no record of Tessas being mentioned, but "it would not have been appropriate in any case, because they won't pay tax after retirement".

The Wheways say the consultant had made no attempt to discover what their income would be when Mr Wheway retires in 18 months. Consequently, he would have no way of knowing their tax position. Dennis Wheway said: "If the consultant thought their income was going to be below the tax threshold, how ever did he expect them to find £50 a month for ten years?

The High Investment Plan also included a life assurance element of which the couple had no need. But the salesman would have received a tidy sum in commission had the deal gone through. In the event, the couple withdrew from the agreement and have now taken out a Tessa with their local building society.

The TSB said: "If the plan had not been cancelled . . . the somewhat unusual circumstances of this particular case would have been singled out for further investigation." It said a senior adviser would have contacted Mr Wheway to confirm that he understood exactly what he had agreed. The "unusual circumstances" were that "it is not usual for people to take out a ten-year investment plan just before retirement".

The TSB takes comfort from Mr Wheway signing the financial appraisal form filled in by the consultant. "The customer's signature confirms that the details noted are correct and that he agrees with the guidance suggested by the financial adviser," it says.

LIZ DOLAN

Mortgage news

National & Provincial is cutting its fixed-rate mortgages. Existing home owners can fix payments at 6.29 per cent (APR 8.2 per cent) until March 1, 1995. Loans can also be fixed until March 1, 1996, at 6.95 per cent, March 1, 1997, at 7.45 per cent, and March 1, 1998, at 7.85 per cent. First-time buyers can fix loans at 5.65 per cent, with loans for up to two years available at below 6 per cent.

☐ The Chelsea Building Society is to increase the 12-month discounts on its Discount mortgage. Those wanting a loan for up to 60 per cent will get a discount of 2.5 per cent, giving a rate of 5.49 per cent (8.1 per cent APR). Loans for 60 to 80 per cent will qualify for a discount of 2 per cent, giving a rate of 5.99 per cent.

☐ The Leeds Permanent has a scheme to help borrowers with negative equity move. The loan allows borrowers to transfer the cash shortfall to the new property as a separate debt, repayable at the standard rate. Then a relative takes out a new loan or mortgage to pay off the shortfall on the old property.

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Charges blow to pension hopes

BY SARA MCCONNELL

PEOPLE who took out a personal pension when they first went on sale five years ago and are about to retire could see up to 50 per cent of their fund eaten up in charges. The cost of annuities bought with pension funds has also gone up, reducing the amount of pension which can be bought with any fund by 30 per cent.

Buck Consultants, the actuary, described some of the charges identified in its quarterly survey of personal pension funds as "frightening". Jim Bruce, Buck's development manager said: "The majority of personal pension funds have provided returns after expenses in excess of both inflation and pay increases. Unfortunately, those who have fared worst are those who are now reaching retirement."

Someone with a £600 a year policy from Equitable Life will see a loss in performance due to charges of up to 1.1 per cent if they take out their policy 30 years before they are due to retire. The same policy will suffer a loss of up to 2.62 per cent if taken out five years before retirement. The same person taking out a similar policy with the Prudential would find his or her fund performance diluted by up to 2.24 per cent over 30 years and nearly 8 per cent over five years. The charges of an average company like the Norwich Union would result in a loss of performance of up to 1.8 per cent over 30 years and 6.03 per cent over five years.

With-profit policies are still paying out more than managed funds despite cuts in bonuses. A £1,000 investment in a single premium on July 1 1988 would have turned into £1,881 in a Sun Life with-profits fund. The best managed fund, from National Mutual, would have turned the investment into £1,802. The average with-profits fund would have returned £1,666 while the average managed fund would have returned £1,560. The worst with-profits fund, from Axa Equity & Law would have made £1,453, but the worst managed fund, from Windsor Life would have made only £1,121.

Jill Insley on thrills — and costs — of part-owning a race horse

ALAIN LOCKYER/SOMERSET NEWS



Hobby horse: Trainer Ron Hodges with Indian Runner, part owned by Paul Slade who admits that his pastime is more for fun than profit.

Losing money on the hoof

ON MONDAY afternoon, 2,000 people will be waiting with bated breath to see how Martina does at Ripon. Martina is a five-year-old chestnut mare running in the Class G Bouncing Castle Selling Handicap at 3pm, and the 2,000 following her are her owners. They all belong to the Laurel Racing Club, a Preston, Lancashire, racing company, which for £65 for this year provides a share in five National Hunt and flat race horses.

Laurel Queen, one of LRC's horses, recently broke the record for the highest number of flat race wins by a mare or filly in the UK since the second world war. Andrew Hoyle, former racing editor on the Lancashire Evening Post, launched LRC in 1989. He says: "We thought we'd retire Laurel Queen at the end of this season but she has done well so we think we'll go on next year."

For their £65, members receive a share in the horses, a monthly newsletter, open days at the trainers' stables and the chance to attend race meetings as an owner. Four members can attend each meeting as an owner, so lots are drawn. Any winnings are retained until the end of the racing year to make sure costs are covered, and the remainder distributed among members.

Andrew Boden, a financial journalist who joined LRC last November, says: "In terms of prize money, I think I'm likely to get my membership fee back but just for the interest of being a racehorse owner. I think it is worthwhile."

Mr Boden is one of thousands of people who own a share of a racehorse. Enthusiasts can buy into a horse by establishing a partnership, setting up a company or joining a club.

Probably the most common method is a partnership of up to 12 people. Partnerships come in all shapes and sizes. William Haggas, a Newmarket trainer, has established a one for women only, called the Flying Fillies. Its horses are leased rather than bought. This means the initial outlay is lower — a £1,880 payment covers costs for the season.

People who want to spend a smaller amount can buy shares in a company like the LRC, which advertise in the racing press or general interest magazines.

Prospective owners can tailor the costs according to their pockets by deciding beforehand how much they want to spend. They can also agree that they want the partnership or company to operate for a finite period. Unless one of the prospective owners has a good eye for a horse, it is better to approach a trainer to select one. The trainer will choose according to how much the owners want to spend. A reasonable horse would cost about £10,000.

Training fees are from £10,000 to £16,000 a year. Every time the horse races, the owners must pay an entry fee of about £40, the jockey's fee of £60 for flat racing and £70 for jumping, and transport costs of £1 per mile.

If the horse wins its race, the owners will share the prize money after the trainer has received 10 per cent and the stable lads 2 per cent. Prizes vary but, as an example, the winner of a maiden race might receive £3,500.

Paul Slade and his father Alan are partners in several horses including Indian Runner with trainers Ron and Mandy Hodges in Charlton Adam, Somerset. Paul says: "If you're lucky enough to get involved with a horse which occasionally wins a race, which is a very big if, you will come away with a share of prize money. But on the whole, this is a hobby which is likely to cost you money and you should accept that." David Loder, a Newmarket trainer with 35 horses in his stables, puts it more brutally: "Can you afford to chuck £15,000 down the drain? It is a high risk venture as ventures go. That's what makes it so exciting when it goes well."

Kate Meynell, a BBC producer, invested £2,000 last year in a partnership, only to lose the lot. She says: "The partnership was investing in four horses with extremely good breeding. I went to see them at a stud and everything was fine, until I had a call to say that the person running the partnership had not paid for the horses or paid the training fees."

Richard Evans, racing correspondent of *The Times*, was in an unsuccessful partnership but started again in 1990 with three partners to buy a half share for £5,000 in Northern Saddler, a National Hunt racer. The other half is owned by the trainer, Mr Hodges. Mr Evans pays £70 a month towards the horse's training and racing costs.

Northern Saddler won three races last year. Mr Evans says: "At the end of the day, I've paid out £840 and recouped £560. That's not bad entertainment, to put it mildly. There's a certain thrill in watching a horse run in my colours."

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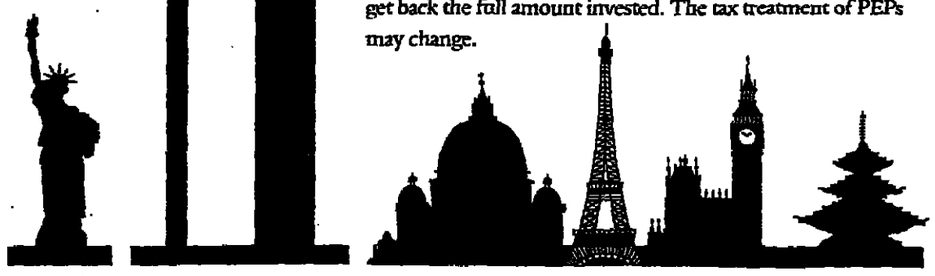
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Coin buyers out of pocket

Tony Hetherington reports on new losses for the unfortunate investors in an Irish coin company

INVESTORS who paid an estimated £1 million to an Irish company for supposedly rare coins are now finding they face losses on a new front.

The 200 investors are clients of the International Coin Group (ICG), which vanished from its Dublin offices four months ago. The company told clients it was moving to Antwerp, but it failed to arrive there and the directors have disappeared.

Now investors face demands for large storage fees from a Canadian company which says it has their coins. And those who ask for their coins to be valued or sent to this country for examination complain that their requests are blocked or ignored.

ICG promised large profits from the coins it sold. A pensioner in Aberdeen handed over £2,000 after being guaranteed a 20 per cent profit within 90 days. Another investor in Woking parted with £1,950 and was promised a handsome profit as long ago as last December. Neither has received a penny, and both have complained to the police.

The coins were originally purchased by International Coin Group from a Canadian firm called AAA Stamp Coin Bulletin, of Victoria, British Columbia. Several of the people behind ICG are Canadian, and they told investors that their coins would be kept in Canada to avoid VAT.

Now AAA has told ICG clients that they must pay an annual storage fee of 4 per cent of whatever they paid for their coins, and pay fees already incurred. Robert Dunlop, who owns a horticultural business in Belfast, has been told he owes £5,000 for storage of coins he bought from ICG for more than £100,000 — which he fears are worth just a fraction of that.

Mr Dunlop said he had asked AAA to establish the true value of his coins. He said: "I have been trying to get a valuation of them but I have not been successful. There always seems to be some problem at the last minute."

And John Athersuch, an oil company worker, says he has tried unsuccessfully to get AAA to release the coins he and three colleagues bought for £100,000. He had arranged with Gerald Tarantino, the head of AAA, for the coins to be handed over to an agent in Canada. Arrangements had been made to fly the coins to London for valuation two days ago, but at the last moment Mr Tarantino declined to release them unless Mr Athersuch instructed British solicitors to give binding assurances to his own lawyers that no action would be taken against AAA.

Mr Athersuch said: "After all the verbal comments about not needing to see receipts, and how if our agent identified himself the coins would be handed over on the strength of a faxed authorisation, at the eleventh hour and 59th minute, they jammed the brakes on. I can only regard that as obstruction."

He added his own enquiries lead him to believe that the International Coin Group sold coins to investors for five times the amount ICG itself paid to AAA, making it virtually impossible for investors to profit. Mr Tarantino would only say that the value of the coins is "substantially lower" than prices paid by investors.

Mr Tarantino said he would be "very happy" to release Mr Athersuch's coins, but his lawyers had advised him to demand an indemnity first.

Meanwhile, police enquiries are continuing in an effort to trace the ICG directors. Mark Stephen Dalton, 28, of Dublin, the company's managing director, is known to have arranged for messages to be forwarded to him in Amsterdam, but before vanishing he also spoke of going to the United States.

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Hasty exit: Mark Dalton in Dublin earlier this year

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.80	3.80	3.04	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.20	3.20	2.56	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.38	3.38	2.70	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528555
" "	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528555
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.37	3.42	2.74	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252284
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433972
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528555
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Cheque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	5.25	5.25	4.20	2,000 min	Postal	—
Northern Rock	5.63	5.63	4.50	20,000 min	Postal	—
Northern Rock	5.81	5.81	4.65	25,000 min	30 day	—
Bradford & Bingly	5.89	5.89	4.71	50,000 min	90 day	—
Woolwich	6.23	6.23	4.98	100,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Northern Rock	5.44	5.44	4.35	10,000 min	Postal	—
Bradford & Bingly	5.81	5.81	4.65	25,000 min	30 day	—
St Pancras	5.87	5.87	4.65	50,000 min	60 day	—
Woolwich	5.70	5.70	4.56	25,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bingly	6.08	6.08	4.86	50,000 min	1 year	—
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Income Bond*	5.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
65th Index Linkd*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	25-1,000		
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85			
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
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Prosperity Life	5.00	5.00	4.25	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity Life	5.41	5.41	4.60	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity Life	5.90	5.90	5.01	25,000 min	3 yrs	Vere:
Financial Ass	6.25	6.25	5.31	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5765
London & Mcheir	6.75	6.75	5.74	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (June 92-93)	+1.2%	Spanish Pesetas:	201.50
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.47
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	344.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2330.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinckley & Rgby	8.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942351
National Cnty	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Cnty	7.85	£3,229.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551

‡ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less * Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross (higher rates for larger sums ‡ Guaranteed over the rate of inflation ^ 0.35% net bonus for amounts £50,000+

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LOCAL LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Alliance & Leicstr. 0273 775454	5.49	negotiable	80	After 2.5% discount for one year
B'ham Midshires 0902 710710	5.74	to £75K	95	After 2.25% discount for 6 months
Nationwide 071 242 8822	5.75	negotiable	90	Rate fixed for 1 year then 6.75% for year 2
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 393393	5.95	to £100K	90	Rate fixed for 1 year
Midland Bank 0742 528661	5.99	to £30K	80	Rate capped to 1.10.94

Source: Bisy's Mortgagewatch, further info Bisy's Golden: 0753 880482

LETTERS

Problems over reforms to personal pensions

From Mr Mike J. Jones

Sir, Sara McConnell (Getting enough to live on for life, July 17) reported on Frank Field's Fabian Society discussion paper outlining proposals for a new system of private pensions for all.

The proposals put forward have some superficial attraction, but I have a number of concerns, the two most important being the investment of personal pension income (PPI) premiums and the overall financing of the proposed reforms.

1. How will PPI premiums be invested? For those in employment, an occupational pension scheme may already exist and be expected to provide the relevant benefits.

However, most of these schemes are on a final salary basis and adapting them to take account of the PPI premiums would be a complex matter. For the majority of the population, therefore, Mr Field envisages a personal pension arrangement.

Unfortunately, personal pensions can be a poor investment, particularly where the level of premium is small and/or the policy is surrendered early. This is because of the "front end" deductions from premiums to cover administrative expenses and commissions. PPI premiums for those not in employment would be particularly susceptible to this problem.

The other problem is that of choice. There is a bewildering array of policies available and it is difficult for even the financially sophisticated to choose the right one. What chance will the average individual stand? Who is to advise them fairly and independently? If the government pays premiums for the non-employed, will they also decide where to invest them?

2. How are the arrangements financed? A major plank in the financing of the benefits would be the removal of private pension tax concessions, in particular the gross roll-up of investment returns. The resulting extra taxation would contribute to the additional level of state pensions to be provided.

It seems counter-productive to take away private pension tax concessions at a time when private pensions are being encouraged as an alternative to state benefits! Indeed, it is not clear whether the lower levels of pensions resulting from the removal of gross roll-up have been taken into account in the paper's projections of personal pension incomes.

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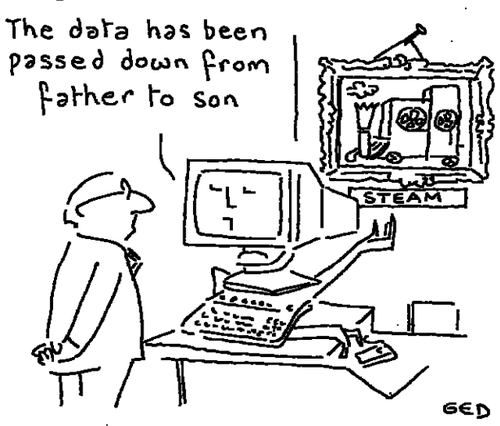
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Computer scientist does not trust computers



From Professor Emeritus Glyn Emery,

Sir, As a computer scientist I was horrified to read (Weekend Money, July 17) that it is general banking practice to make a computer the bank's primary record.

And the banking ombudsman goes along with this. Your news item concerned an account that had not moved for 13 years. Quite how that account got lost we may not know; but in 13 years there could well have been two or more changes of computer and several software changes or updates.

Are our financial decision makers really so technologically naive as to believe that computer data can survive for so long totally uncorrupted? If so, then thank God that we have been spared Taurus.

Yours faithfully,
GLYN EMERY,
134 Northchurch Road,
N1.

Taxback babble

From Mrs Sonia Gable

Sir, I thought the Inland Revenue was trying to improve the clarity of its communications with the public. However my husband, a television producer, received this letter from Ilford tax office:

"I refer to your Taxback Service (paper cutting) referred here by the Leicester Tax Office to be dealt with by this office. Please can you forward any Tax Vouchers/Certificates for me to deal with refund, if any due to you."

As my husband has had no dealings with the Leicester tax office and does not own a Taxback Service (paper cutting), I telephoned the Ilford tax office. I spoke to a colleague of the writer, who could not understand why I found it incomprehensible, but explained that it meant: as your income for 1991/92 is less than your personal allowances, you may be entitled to a refund of tax deducted from your investment income, so please send me certificates of deduction of tax. I am still amazed.

Yours faithfully,
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Volatile end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	346	Abbey Nt	383	-7½	11.5	3.8	14.8
263	179	Allied Irish	257	+2	...	4.4	13.1
183	130	Aus New Z	181½	+3½	...	5.0	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3050 †	+43½	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	237	...	...	3.9	16.7
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.2	...
159	116½	Bank Scotland	155	-1½	4.5	3.7	30.9
496	362	Barclays	482	-5	...	3.9	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	-½	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
517	395	Cater Allen	515	...	27.0	6.6	...
131	85	Cattles	131	+2	...	4.0	17.4
2450	1287½	Chase Manh	2137½	+18½	...	...	...
2237½	1343½	Chicorp	2237½	+50	...	...	...
377	250	Clove Bros	377	+7	...	3.2	16.8
1125½	4075	Commerzbk	£122	-50	...	3.2	...
1304½	1250½	Deutsche Bk	£287½	...	...	2.1	...
96	45	First Nat Fin	88	+3	...	0.3	∞
1612	876	Fuji Bank Y	1612	+25	...	...	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	446	+1	21.5	6.0	11.0
611½	490	HSBC	651	+2	19.0	3.6	15.6
651	474	HSBC HK	640	+5	19.0	3.7	15.3
370	243	Hambros	365	+4	14.0	4.8	16.9
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	16.6	6.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	136	...	9.0	8.3	...
438	312	Kleinwort Ben	438	+6	16.0	4.6	15.2
591	482	Lloyds	557	-25	18.4	4.2	15.7
97	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
480	332	Nat Aust Bk	480	+14½	...	4.2	16.6
507	398	Nat West	495	-6	17.5	4.4	30.1
402	270	Provident	402	+2	11.4	3.5	17.4
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	286	...	8.8	3.7	...
1083	467½	Schroders	1083	-23	...	1.3	21.6
852	576	Stand Chart	847	+3	20.0	3.0	...
206½	145½	TSB	204	-1½	6.4	4.0	...
171	78	Union Disc	165	-6	...	...	...
772	529	Warburg SG	769	+22	...	3.1	19.4
266	185	-do- 6% 'A'	266	+9½	...	2.8	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7775 †	+100	...	1.3	...
184	121	Westpac	183	+4	...	4.1	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	574	+4	...	4.6	15.5
647	441	Bass	487	+5	18.9	4.9	10.6
299	189	Boddington	269	+3	7.3	3.4	15.7
429	362	Bulmer (HP)	429	...	10.1	3.0	∞
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	139 †	...	4.7	4.4	11.3
372	261	Devenish (JA)	371	+2	7.8	2.6	20.9
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'	102	-1	...	4.0	27.0
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	56	+1	...	4.2	7.8
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	400 †	+1	7.4	2.3	17.1
480	383	Grand Met	415 †	-4	12.3	3.7	13.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	357	+1	11.7	4.1	11.8
563	505	Greene King	544 †	+1	12.3	2.8	∞
516	437	Guinness	458	+4	...	3.2	16.3
281	230	Hardy Hanson	262	-1	7.9	3.8	14.6
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
342	255	Highland Distl	322	...	6.0	2.3	21.4
3138	2538	Holt J	2925	+25	41.0	1.8	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.5
323	250	Invergordon Dist	267	...	...	3.3	15.2
186	157	Macallan-Glen	163	...	0.9	0.7	36.6
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
855	655	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
283	231	Marston Thmp	272	...	...	2.5	16.4
432	328½	Matthew Clark	430	+6	...	5.0	∞
300	253	Merrydwn W	265	+7	7.0	3.4	∞
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	9½	-½	...	2.1	16.4
166	145	Regent Inns	165	-1	...	3.4	16.5
950	753	SA Breweries	925	+9	...	3.0	15.3
482½	408	Scot & New	446 †	-1	...	4.7	13.9
225	181	Taunton Cider	208	...	6.0	3.7	16.2
248	213	Vaux Group	237	+1	9.3	4.9	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	278	...	...	2.2	22.5
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	506½	+½	...	4.4	13.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1065	...	...	2.1	26.7
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	504	+9	11.4	2.8	14.2
515	475	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	19.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	114	...	...	5.5	25.8
99	65	Amec	89	+2	3.0	4.2	16.5
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	155	Ashtead	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	103½	Atwoods	103½	-3½	5.0	6.0	15.0
240	180	BPB Ind	231	+6	...	4.1	39.7
101	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barron	100	...	1.2	1.6	18.1
158	94	Barratt Devs	150	+5	2.0	1.6	17.4
412	305	Bellway	381	+9	...	3.9	22.1
33	15	Bellwinch	27	+1	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	407 †	-2	...	1.8	25.5
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	58.3
273	189	Blue Circle	265	+1	...	3.3	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	71	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
121	82	Br Dredging	116	...	5.2	5.6	25.7
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	-1	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	131½	-½	4.8	4.6	28.1
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
281	205	CRH	273	+1	...	3.4	17.3
29	21	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
46	23	Cospain	34½	-1½	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	130 †	-1	...	4.0	34.4
70	38	Crest Nicholson	60	...	0.0	...	...
94	38	Costain	92	...	...	...	...
35	14	Dunton	25½	...	...	...	...
35	15	Edmund Hldgs	23	...	0.5	3.9	...
280	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	48	...	0.3	1.0	...
443	252	Eve Group	433	...	...	3.0	∞
59	34	Evered Bardon	47	+2	3.0	5.6	22.1
6½	3½	Explorer	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	133	-3	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	41	...	4.3	...	16.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
913	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	+2½	...	3.3	27.5
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	121	...	...	3.5	33.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	...	...
311	186	Heywd Wlm	308	+1	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	90	...	2.5	3.5	...
35	16	How Gp	27	+1	...	0.9	...
35	15	Howard Hldgs	30	...	...	0.5	3.5
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	272	...	9.0	4.1	10.9
110½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	110	+½	...	7.3	...
83	55	Ln Clydeside	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.2
21	10½	Lovell (YJ)	16½	...	...	...	7.5
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	93	Marley	141	...	4.2	3.7	41.4
95	61	Marshalls	86 †	+4	...	5.8	59.2
175	122	Maunders (J)	157	+4	4.9	3.9	14.4
214	96	Mcalpine (A)	198	-2	6.5	4.1	34.3
40	23	McCarthy & S	29	...	0.5	...	...
423	272	Meyer Intl	358	+3	...	3.3	35.9
129	62	Morrison (J)	110	+2	4.0	4.5	...
95	51	NSM	95	+5	...	...	...
53	46	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	158	+6	...	6.3	21.1
300	197	Persimmon	266	+4	8.6	4.0	27.1
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	113	+2	3.4	3.8	...
7	3½	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
815	355	RMC Gp	805	+8	...	3.1	31.7
117	75½	Raine Ind	84	+1	6.0	8.9	14.0
36	20	Ransom	22	...	...	...	...
521	402	Redland	515	+11	25.0	6.1	30.0
79	64	Roskel	77	-2	4.3	7.0	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	278	+7	6.4	2.9	21.3
42	23	Swift-Eve	41	...	...	4.5	19.3
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	3.7	44.7
182	86½	Sheffield Insl	182	...	...	2.0	18.3
123	82	Sheriff Hldgs	125	...	...	9.0	16.4
75	66	Shore	72	...	...	...	...
228	195	Smart (J)	205	+1	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	...	...	0.3	10.7
142	103	Tarmac	141½	+1½	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	157	+2	5.8	4.7	10.0
120	63	Taylor Woodrw	117½	+1½	1.0	1.1	...
618	453	Tilbury Dougls	584	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
35	19	Turet Hire	32	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	227	+1	8.0	4.4	40.0
40	30	Try Group	34	...	1.0	3.7	9.6
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	60	...	2.5	5.3	21.1
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	440	...	...	5.4	19.0
26	8	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	138	+2	5.0	4.5	21.5
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 §	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	400	+3	8.7	2.7	27.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	172	+3	3.9	2.9	28.8
187	106	Wimpey G	175	+6	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	34	-2	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	483	ADT	570	+20	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	205 †	...	12.0	7.3	∞
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
58	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Amro Sec	159 †	...	...	4.2	28.5
125	84	BET Ord	126	+2	...	3.3	5.0
93	41	BNB Res	88	...	4.9	7.0	...
318	258	BPP	283	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	200	Barbour Index	200 †	...	8.0	5.0	∞
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	229	-2	...	2.2	19.1
26	11	Broadcastle	24	...	...	...	19.1
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	96	...	2.8	3.7	∞
178	139½	Capita Group	152	+2	...	1.7	23.6
45	31	Casket Plc	41	...	...	2.5	15.6
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
332	228	Cimbo Sec	330	-1	...	1.8	20.5
46	21	Conacre	36	...	...	2.2	21.2
30	6½	Corp Services	25	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	35	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	92 †	+2	3.3	4.5	12.5
231	198	Davis Service	227	+2	...	4.4	17.1
104	85	EW Facs	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	26½	...	0.6	...	18.2
246	215	Hays	238	+5	4.6	2.4	23.4
221	174	Hogg Robinsn	220	+4	...	3.9	15.3
70	37	Holmes Protectn	58	...	...	...	2.5
190	127	Hunch Whamp	182	+4	...	2.6	15.5
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1925	+137½	...	5.5	2.5
657	519	Inchcape	541	-5	...	3.2	18.8
883	669	Johnson Clean	824	-1	25.7	3.9	18.0
12	2½	Lep	6	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	236	+1	3.5	1.9	∞
1187	893	Manpower	977	+19	...	...	21.7
51	40½	Michael Page	51	...	1.8	4.4	7.1
270	190	Pennine	190	...	...	0.6	...
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	112	+1	...	13.4	6.2
425	345	RCO	345	...	12.8	5.1	11.7
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	98	...	...	...	...
156	111	Reliance Secs	111	...	...	5.2	...
238	178	Rentokil	194	-1	2.3	1.5	24.2
238	220	Rolfe & Nolan	224	+4	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	335	-1	...	2.9	18.4
35	26	Scott Pickford	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
993	605	Serco Gp	975	...	14.0	1.8	22.0
352	210	Sherwd Comp	210	-10	...	4.2	6.1
130	50	Shenley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	319	+4	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	27	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	242	...	...	2.2	21.3
838	643	Amersham	822	+7	...	2.1	28.4
7	2	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£102½	8325	BASF DM	9887½	...	...	3.3	...
283	199	BTP	279	+4	...	4.4	18.1
£11½	£10½	Bayer DM50	£11¼	...	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	156	...	9.5	7.6	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	101	+1	...	9.2	9.2
530	390	Br Bio-Tech	350	...	...	...	...
29	12	Cabtl Gp	12½	...	...	13.3	34.7
153	126	Canning (W)	128	...	7.2	7.1	14.7
608	504	Courtaulds	552	+7	...	3.2	14.7
295	228	Croda	289	...	...	3.4	16.9
189	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.4	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	213	...	7.0	4.2	∞
33½	15½	Euro Colour	32½	...	0.8	3.1	19.9
309	259	Halstead (J)	308	...	...	2.4	15.5
241	194	Hickson	216	-1	...	4.6	20.0
£114½	8550	Hoechst	£107	...	...	3.3	...
246	195	Holliday Chem	201	...	...	2.3	18.5
710	608	ICI	688	+2	...	3.2	...
680	576	Laporte	599	-2	19.5	4.1	16.5
220	181	Leigh	197	...	...	5.1	18.5
97½	35	MTM	42	-2	...	1.7	24.5
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1725	-25	...	...	...
450	370	Patterson Zoch	450	...	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
256	228	Plysu	229	-2	...	3.8	14.9
283	173	Porvair	283	...	3.6	1.9	24.0
14	7	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	-½	...	...	...
475	412	Wardle Storeys	412	...	16.0	4.9	16.8
490	395	Wolstenholme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	10.2
401	330	Yorks Chem	355	...	...	2.7	19.0
306	238	Yule Catto	247	+3	5.9	3.0	18.1
646½	593	Zeneca	634½	-11½	...	5.5	35.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	57 †	...	...	6.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	65	...	3.1	6.0	17.8
327	257	Argos Plc	327	-5	...	2.7	27.9
35	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	290 †	...	5.1	2.2	20.1
134	94	Austin Reed	118	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	146	-1	...	3.1	14.7
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	250	+1	...	1.0	29.9
35	22	Blacks Leis	26	-7	2.2	11.5	...
227	133	Body Shop	216	...	...	1.0	27.9
19½	11½	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	7.2
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	78½	-1½	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	3.4	18.0
360	295	Church	340	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
171	97	Clinton Cards	143	...	4.2	3.7	17.2
248	212	Coats Viyella	239	+1	...	3.8	28.1
112	78	Colourvision	100	-3	5.6	7.2	∞
680	374	Courts Furnish	675	...	5.5	1.0	∞
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	-2	...	5.6	6.3
120	89	Dairy Farm Intl	111	+3	...	3.0	17.6
92	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	78	...	1.0	1.6	24.4
281	189	Dixons Grp	215 †	+4	...	3.6	...
413	320	Dunhill	346	-1	8.1	2.9	13.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	+1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
181	71	Essex Furn	151	+1	...	2.3	25.6
255	203	Etam	252	...	6.9	3.4	23.1
592	499	Fine Art Dev	592	...	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	36	Flrd Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	538	...	14.0	3.3	∞
111	24	French Conn	111	+3	...	...	...
65	43	Gent SR	60	+4	3.0	4.2	17.6
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	0.3	0.7	...
3600	2400	GUS	3550	+12	...	1.6	27.8
1998	1563	-do- 'A'	1982	+2	...	2.8	19.4
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Harsons	54	...	...	6.5	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	10.9	10.9
69	30	Heritage	69	+11	...	...	...
65	35	Honeysuckle	63	-1	...	2.0	8.0
114	63	Jacques Vert	114	...	3.0	1.3	∞
634	406	Kingfisher	634	+17	...	2.7	20.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	615	...	7.2	1.5	22.4
320	245	Lloyds Chem	256	...	5.5	2.7	10.0
152	120	MFI	136	+2	...	3.5	28.1
365	311	Marks Spencer	353	+9	...	2.9	19.4
507	445	Menzies (John)	498	+4	...	2.2	13.9
225	135	Moss Bros	225	...	5.5	3.1	26.4
186	139½	Next	186	+2	2.5	1.7	22.2
40	19	Oliver (G)	33	-1	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	220	...	...	4.6	∞
63	44½	Pentos	45	...	1.5	4.2	9.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	230	+18	5.1	3.1	15.0
41½	11	Ramers Group	32½	+3	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	33	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	144	...	...	2.3	13.0
108	93	Sears	103½	+2½	...	4.3	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	435	+2	13.4	3.9	15.3
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	200	+4	...	3.1	25.8
191	148	T & S Stores	155	+2	5.9	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	130	...	1.0	1.0	21.3
220	160	Time Products	200	+2	7.5	4.2	17.3
100	63	Usher (Frank)	98	...	...	6.4	2.7
45	32	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	111	+2	...	...	49.2
78	45	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	183	-1	...	2.7	24.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
170½	134	ACT Group	168	+1	...	3.7	16.9
240	223	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
126½	38	Acorn Compu	105	-5	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
151	104	Alba	151	+3	...	4.1	18.5
37	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	33½	-½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	68	+1	...	...	...
38	13	Arlen	38	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	68½	+1	...	...	...
293	250	Bealer Hunter	252	-3	9.2	4.6	13.3
...	7½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
423	319	BICC	418	+1	19.2	5.8	28.3
575	447	Brick	440	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland	1250	...	...	...	...
343	274	Bowthorpe	326	+1	6.3	2.3	22.3
445½	376	BT	414½	-1	...	4.8	19.1
176½	150	BT P/P	171½	-½	...	4.5	20.4
15½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burndfield	138	...	5.7	5.2	21.8
826	669	Cable Wireless	811 †	-3½	...	2.3	26.1
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	-½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
115	74	Comptr People	113	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	+1	...	1.3	14.9
397	247	Crichley	397	...	...	1.9	∞
548	414	Delta	547	+18	...	3.2	22.5
386	205	Deumans El	340	...	...	2.2	14.5
620	399	Domino	399 †	-15	7.2	2.3	13.6
59	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Drucks	1025	...	10.0	1.2	...
436	358	Electrocomps	432 †	+14	...	2.3	17.6
600	470	El Data Fin	590	...	5.1	1.2	15.1
108	43	Electron House	108	+3	2.6	3.1	∞
30½	10½	Emess	24	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	577	+4	8.0	1.7	26.1
152	108	FKI	151	+5	3.0	2.5	∞
442	340	Farnell Elect	440	+6	...	1.8	23.3
18	9½	Feedback	16½	...	...	3.1	11.7
93	33	Ferranti	10½	+1	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	245	-8	1.0	0.5	...
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
354½	264	GEC	352	+2½	...	3.7	17.9
182	132	Graseby	179	+3	...	7.6	37.7
11½	3	Grayshire	9	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilcare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
160	83	INSTEM	145	...	...	2.7	10.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	355	...	8.8	3.1	∞
19	8	Kembrey	12	...	0.1	1.2	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	300 †	+1	5.8	2.4	∞
216	47	Kewill Syst	190	-6	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	188	...	5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan	36	...	...	...	...
365	122	LEMS	348	...	...	0.4	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	223	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	135	+1	3.5	3.3	14.6
269	164	Logica	234	...	3.6	1.9	27.6
54	44	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
222	162	Mk Data Mngmt	185	+5	4.3	2.9	17.7
683	523	Macro 4	669	...	...	2.4	22.5
630	527	Mender-Sw	607	+2	...	2.3	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1903	-50	...	...	17.5
222	147	Microgen	147 †	...	7.2	6.2	10.0
34½	23	Microvitec	26	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	525	+7	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	98	-14	...	1.3	...
138	108	MMT Compu	126	...	...	3.5	16.0
36	16	Molynx	31½	-½	1.3	5.2	...
272	202	MTL Inst	214	-1	...	2.1	16.1
165	105	Muirhead Elect	118 †	+1	3.5	3.7	∞
190	116	Murray Elect	190	+4	1.8	1.2	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6075	+75	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135 †	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
189	58	Nurbain	176	-1	...	1.1	∞
75	20	Northumber	53	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11	-1½	...	...	...
268	195	Oxford Inst	261	...	4.5	2.2	17.7
83	48	P-E Intern'l	70	-1	1.0	1.8	...
81½	29	P & P	68	-1	1.4	2.6	35.7
80	55	Peek	71	...	3.4	6.0	18.5
190	115	Pegasus	167	...	...	4.8	42.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1037½	-37½	...	...	...
254	221	PhoneLink	248	...	...	...	...
528	343	Pilco	533	+5	7.7	1.9	44.4
303	303	-do- 'A' Voting	498	+5	7.7	2.0	42.2
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
104	76	Prestec	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	98	Psion	100	-1	...	3.1	26.6
242	160	Racal Elect	242	+3	4.2	2.2	14.4
70	45	Radamec	55	...	...	3.3	12.0
70	38	Radius	38	-1	2.7	...	13.0
92	61	Real Time	75	...	...	5.2	∞
35	18	Riva	29	...	...	...	36.8
629	380	Sage Gp	424	...	9.0	2.7	13.6
342	222	Sanderson Elec	313	...	9.0	3.6	13.3
78	49	Scantronic	77	...	3.1	5.2	18.8
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	12.3
371	270	Sema Gp	364	+3	2.8	1.0	29.5
51	26	Silverlines	37	...	...	3.7	∞
50	37	Soundtracks	47 †	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2675	+71½	...	1.1	33.7
27	4½	TDS Circuits	13½	+½	0.8	0.7	24.1
156	80	Telemetrix	146	...	...	4.2	19.5
976	809	THORN EMI	976	+10	...	3.0	10.7
117	96	Thorpe FW	104	+1	2.5	3.8	11.5
103	65	Total Systems	66	...	0.0	1.6	17.8
443	372	Tunstall	445	...	6.0	...	...
278	164	Unitech	275	+17	6.1	2.8	∞
11½	6	Verity	9½	-½	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29	-½	...	1.6	16.6
473½	367	Vodafone	471	+2	...	1.8	21.3
443	368	Volex	443	+3	17.8	5.2	17.7
26	11	Western Selecm	24	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
499	389	East Midlands	496 †	+8	...	4.9	9.3
506	399	Eastern Elect	501 †	+4	...	4.8	10.0
357	304	Hydro-Elect	355½	+3½	...	4.1	12.6
509	404	London Elect	507 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
550	458	Manweb	548 †	-1	...	4.8	7.9
523	424½	Midlands Elec	519 †	-1	...	4.8	9.3
372	273	National Powr	367	+6	...	3.6	11.1
554	440	Northern Elec	540 †	+7	...	4.9	7.9
141½	100	Nthn Ireland	138½	-1½	...	4.8	8.7
547	430	Norweb	546	+6	20.0	4.7	8.2
305	273	PowerGen	304	+7	...	3.3	10.4
337	285	Scottish Power	334	+1	...	4.3	12.1
558	436	Seeboard	555	+6	...	4.5	9.0
571	469	Sth Wales	568 †	+8	...	4.9	9.5
532	426	Sth Western	513 †	+6	...	4.9	12.3
512	406	Southern Elec	510 †	+4	...	4.8	9.4
552	453	Yorkshire Elec	543 †	+8	...	4.7	10.2

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50½	+½	1.0	2.5	∞
106	47	BWD	103 †	-1	...	3.9	16.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
500	413	Caledonia	500	+2	...	3.8	18.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	10.2	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	285	...	...	4.5	20.2
117	71	Flextech	117	...	...	0.5	...
309	155	Govett	308	...	...	4.9	9.6
155	125	Ivory Sime	151	...	...	5.6	13.7
6½	3	IIT	3½	-½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
217	156	Lon Forfaiting	216	...	8.4	5.0	15.3
64	47	Manakin	64	+2	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	7½	...	...	...	...
90	40	Newmarket	30	...	...	2.6	12.3
285	246	Rathbone Brs	284	...	6.0	4.5	13.1
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	10.0	4.7	∞
330	253	S & U	268	...	2.6	4.9	...
70	48	Singer & Friedl	67	...	...	4.8	...
975	738	Sotheby's	788	...	...	...	...
146	83	SJP Capital	146	+4	3.0	2.6	60.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2275	1487½	Amer Express	2225 †	+12½	...	5.0	20.5
978	805	Henderson Ad	890	...	...	3.5	...
153	92	Invesco	153	+3	...	3.3	10.7
230	164	Jardine Strat	218	+5	6.0	3.5	15.4
216	154	MAI	212	...	15.0	3.3	14.1
565	389	MAM	565	+7	...	3.2	22.4
842	633	M & G	842	+6	...	2.0	3.9
270	109	Smith New Ct	255	+3	...	4.9	...
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76	+1	...	...	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	482 †	-18	14.0	3.6	11.0
77½	53	ASDA Group	64½	+1	...	3.2	14.7
230	170	Acatos & Hutch	220	...	6.5	3.0	15.6
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	+2	3.7	7.3	10.7
407	287	Argyll	319	+10	...	4.3	11.8
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	124	...	...	8.1	2.5
220	180	Banks (S C)	219	-1	9.0	5.3	∞
402	310	Barr (AG)	330 †	...	8.5	3.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crps	68	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	401	+10	...	6.8	41.3
52	25	Borthwick	49½	-1	...	3.2	57.8
505	430	Brake Bros	499	...	6.2	1.6	20.8
51	38	Budgen	46	...	1.0	2.8	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	469	-3	...	3.5	17.4
107	78	Carrs Milling	107	...	3.9	4.6	21.4
196	156	Cranswick	169	...	...	5.0	12.6
22	8½	Cullens	17 †	...	0.5	3.7	∞
384	150	Dalepak	150	+4	6.0	4.9	∞
491	424	Dalgety	448	+4	19.5	5.4	13.0
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	198	+1	...	3.5	18.9
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
340	260	Farepak	338 †	...	5.7	2.1	∞
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	68	...	...	7.6	22.6
125	78	Fyffes	100 †	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	346	...	8.1	2.9	15.6
12	7	Global	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
65	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
152	147	Hazlewood Fds	142	...	...	4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	144	+5	...	7.6	11.3
250	205½	Iceland Group	216	+7	...	1.8	19.3
131	103	JLI Group	103	...	4.6	5.6	∞
853	655	Kwik Save	665	+1	16.0	3.0	12.7
262	174	Low (Wm)	175	...	8.4	6.0	8.5
77	41	Mathews (B)	59	+1	2.2	4.8	38.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	15	...	1.1	9.6	29.2
174	124	Morrison (W)	142	+5	...	0.7	18.5
508	443	Nichols (JN)	523	...	13.6	3.3	15.1
290	242	Nthn Foods	265	+4	...	4.0	13.2
22	12	Nthmbn Fns	13	...	...	...	5.4
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	...	...	3.7	12.0
250	206	Park Foods	224	...	6.0	3.4	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	82	+4	...	6.7	8.9
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth	4½	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	475	+9	...	2.6	16.7
73	33	Serr Farm	71	+3	...	2.6	12.7
225	105	Sims Food	114 †	-4	...	8.2	22.0
439	357	Tate & Lyle	394	+5	12.0	3.8	12.4
273	195	Tesco	207½	+½	...	4.3	9.6
221	123	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
211	101	Treats	150	...	...	3.0	17.0
183	300	Unigate	364	+10	...	5.3	12.0
375	340½	Utd Biscuits	374	+2	...	5.1	17.8
437	20	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.3	13.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	270	...	13.3	6.2	14.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abrdn Stk Ha	12	...	1.5	2.4	19.5
89	77	City Centre Rest	81	-1	...	4.3	16.9
231	170	Forte	216	...	...	3.2	12.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	202	+7	5.7	3.5	38.5
9½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jarys Hotel	105½	...	...	6.8	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	187	+1	11.1	7.5	16.0
73	59	Mandarin Ornl	68	+1	...	4.6	18.2
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
60	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	-5	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	56	+½	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	92	AAF Inds	92	-5	...	12.0	5.6
616	455	AAH	471	+2	...	4.6	15.1
177	140	AIM	177	...	7.5	5.5	∞
182	88	APV	98	+3	...	6.9	...
233	81	ASW	212	...	...	3.5	...
181	124	Adwest	181	+6	7.0	4.8	25.7
23	10	Aerospace Eng	23	...	1.0	...	14.0
518	434	Airsprung	481	+1	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alexdra W	145	...	3.8	3.3	40.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	6½	-1	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
61	17	Alvis	39	...	1.0	3.2	8.0
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	3.1	...
107	78	Anagen	88	+2	...	...	...
145	90	Andrews Sykes	93	...	...	6.3	...
945	703	Antofagasta	945	+5	...	2.1	17.5
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	151	...	6.4	5.3	15.4
...	2½	Asn Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	510	+2	...	4.0	20.3
345	168	Assoc Nursg	345 †	+4	...	0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	167	+3	...	5.6	14.2
65	28	BLP Group	46	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	17	...	...	5.0	0.7
730	635	BOC	681	+4	23.2	4.3	14.9
79½	62	BSG	60	+1	...	5.8	24.0
487	353	BSS Group	434	+1	...	5.1	25.4
384½	318	BTR	376½	+1	...	3.6	21.6
221	155	BWI	157	+2	6.7	5.3	15.1
41½	31	Babcock	41	+1½	...	0.4	24.5
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	248	...	8.9	4.5	17.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	687½	+50	...	5.0	3.9
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	+1	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beauford	7½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½	-½	0.1	0.8	15.2
707	461	Bespak	512 †	...	10.0	2.4	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	93	+8	0.7	...	5.5
312	129	Billam (J)	256	-3	5.0	2.4	12.9
41	21½	Bilston Burses	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Binec Ind	5	...	...	...	...
158	118½	Birkby	149 †	...	...	3.0	∞
45	32	Black Arrow	39	-1	2.6	8.7	∞
1½	1	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	173	...	2.9	2.1	17.8
323	129	Bluebird Toys	283	-9	...	2.0	17.7
293½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.3	1.6	∞
563	416	Boots	449	+1	...	3.7	16.7
61	42	Booth Inds	47	-1	0.7	1.9	...
517	435½	Bowater	469	+2	11.5	3.1	18.5
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1374 †	+2	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	0.5	4.6	∞
268	204	Brammer	261	+11	13.0	6.2	19.4
20	12	Bridgend Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
119	64	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	40	+1	...	7.9	9.8
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	53	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	507	...	...	2.5	18.2
115	54	Br Steel	114	+3½	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	175	...	...	3.4	30.9
17	11½	Br Thornton	13½	-1	...	2.3	...
268	215	Br Vita	244	-5	7.1	3.7	15.0
15	6½	Britton Grp	14½	...	0.1	0.2	...
730	555	Broken Hill	687	+21	...	2.7	32.6
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	99 †	-2	...	5.6	12.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
52	44	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
120	91	Bullough	117	+3	6.0	6.6	19.7
28	13	Business Tech	14	-1	...	...	...
36	17	CI Group	21	-1	1.0	6.0	20.2
26	11	Campbll & Arm	11½	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	27½	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	241	...	...	5.4	16.3
246	178	Cardo Eng	242 †	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2500	+50	...	2.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
158	158	Castings	197	-1	4.3	2.8	13.9
145	113	Chamberlin Hlb	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons	672	...	...	4.2	15.5
295	220	Chemring	285	+1	...	3.6	17.2
92	47	Chieftain Gp	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	20	...	0.2	1.0	...
304	144	Christies Intl	184	+6	...	1.0	...
61	34	Clayhithe	59	...	2.5	5.5	∞
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	...	0.2	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	335	...	0.8	2.5	...
265	179	Community H	193	+1	6.5	4.3	12.0
59	18½	Concentric	210	-3	...	3.3	17.7
246	120	Cook (Wm)	200	...	5.0	3.2	11.9
209	182	Cookson	216½	+4½	...	3.5	28.7
63	38	Copymore	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
238	130	Crowll Ptr 'A'	132	-1	5.7	5.4	11.3
178	92	Cosalt	115 †	-1	10.7	...	17.5
234	150	Creighton Nt	172 †	...	...	5.3	16.7
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3700	2993½	Dana	3700 †	+87½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	224	+2	...	0.6	21.3
231	193	David Brown	220	-1	...	3.4	15.6
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	+2	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	691	-9	...	3.1	18.1
35	16	Dinkie Heel	24	...	0.9	4.9	19.1
521	391	Diploma	519	-9	9.7	2.3	27.0
77	50	Dobson Park	71	...	5.7	...	12.8
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.6	∞
78	57	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.5	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	391	...	...	3.9	15.5
29	19	Elbief	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
43	14	Eleco	25	...	...	...	...
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2062½	...	...	2.7	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
454½	394	Eng China Cl	446	+18	...	5.6	24.5
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3000	...	...	1.0	...
51	32	Eurocopy	45 †	...	...	1.6	17.5
82	47	Expamet	70	+1	...	5.8	1.7
680	439	Fairey Group	669	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferrars Group	57	+1	...	2.2	13.4
1½	½	Ferromet	½	...	...	...	...
24½	23	Ferrum	25	-1	2.5	12.5	17.5
51	38	Fife Indmar	42	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	170½	-1½	...	6.4	19.7
53	39	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
255	215	Flocas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	70 †	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
218	166½	Frost Group	210	+3	4.0	2.4	8.8
85	71	GEI Intl	74	...	...	8.3	...
506	434	GKN	494	-17	...	5.2	33.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
68	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	108	Gestetner	115 †	+3	8.2	8.9	5.0
36	23	Gieves	30	-1	...	...	21.7
801	509	Glaxo	547½	-8½	17.0	3.9	15.2
38	16	Glenchewton	33	...	...	11.8	...
316	245	Glynwed	313	+3	11.6	4.7	29.5
100	66	Goode Durrant	98	+4	5.4	7.1	∞
134	102	Grampian Hd	128	+2	5.5	5.4	22.2
427	341	Granada	396 †	-4	7.7	2.4	21.1
407	301	Great Silvrne	394	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)	90	...	...	9.7	12.4
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	53½	...	...	4.7	19.3
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	217	-3	8.6	5.0	18.1
263	215	Halma	262	+1	...	1.3	26.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	37½	...	1.6	5.4	∞
265½	222	Hanson	236½	+1½	...	6.0	12.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	204	...	...	4.1	12.6
189	147	Harrison Crsfld	189	-1	9.0	6.1	28.8
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	383	+12	14.8	4.8	...
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
154	112½	Hill & Smith	153	+1	...	4.7	21.0
10½	6½	Hobson	9	...	...	...	...
143	87	Holders Tech	143	...	...	5.3	18.4
49	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	1.3	3.4	19.9
167	133	Hornby	146	+2	...	2.2	13.8
13½	5	Hospital Crp	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
82	54½	Howden	79	...	2.2	3.5	∞
249	173	Hunting	245	...	...	5.1	20.7
430	269½	Huntligh Tec	423	-5	...	3.0	10.8
295	247	IMI	391	+5½	...	4.3	24.9
112	90	ISA Intl	106	-3	1.5	1.6	16.5
305	158	Intermr Gp	158 †	...	...	2.1	16.7
255	235	Isoron	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	360	Jardine Math	474	+6	...	2.5	18.3
537	425	Johnson Matth	476	+6	...	2.7	20.9
64	47½	Johnson & FB	48	...	3.0	7.8	14.8
177	104	Johnston	154	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	22	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
32	19	Jourdan (T)	29	...	2.1	3.7	∞
73	26	Kalamazoo	73	...	...	...	...
178	73	Kalon	152½	-1	...	2.6	21.2
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenthaw (A)	525 †	...	27.0	6.4	27.2
168	75	Kleeneze	154	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW	143	...	3.0	2.6	11.9
336	266	Laird	229	-6	...	4.0	16.2
153	110	Lilleshall	151	...	4.2	3.5	18.6
153	97	Lincat	145	...	...	4.4	12.5
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	17½	-½	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.6
213	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	8.8	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	22	...	1.0	5.7	32.0
274	173	Lon Ind	196	...	9.4	6.0	∞
135	70	Lonrho	132½	+5	...	3.8	...
366	269	Low & Bonar	365	+4	...	3.1	50.7
343	265	MB-Caradon	293	+11	...	3.7	22.7
169½	135	-do- pf	145	+3	7.2	6.3	...
30	14½	ML Hdgs	28½	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Inl	39	...	...	8.3	38.6
50	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
197	168	Macfarlane	197	+2	...	2.0	23.3
439	379	McKechnie	429	+1	14.7	4.3	21.3
106	85	McLeod Russel	95	...	6.8	7.9	11.6
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	+½	...	...	19.1
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
26½	20½	Marling	22 †	+½	...	3.7	∞
170	124	Mayborn	176	...	...	3.6	14.6
55	29	Mayflower	55	+1	...	2.8	45.9
236	97½	Medeva	99½	-2½	...	2.8	8.1
113	88	Meggitt	108½	...	...	4.4	18.5
118	98	Metalrax	112	-1	...	4.1	19.1
76	70	Mersec	76	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	73	-1	...	1.3	10.2
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½	+1	0.5	2.6	...
488	368	Molins	454	...	...	3.9	11.8
345	262	Morgan Cble	299	+5	...	5.3	16.0
180	134	Morris Ashby	180 †	+2	...	3.8	∞
31	18	Neepsend	27	-2	0.7	3.5	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	58	...	3.1	6.8	13.9
191	122	Nobo Gp	185	+1	4.8	3.3	∞
167	122½	Norcros	150½	+4½	...	5.6	22.9
51	35	Novo Group	46	...	1.3	3.6	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	...	...
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	29½	...	1.7	7.7	...
140	123	PCT	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
48	36	Pacer Systems	36	...	...	10.2	...
138	101	Pentland	104	...	...	3.0	14.1
385	310	Photo-Me	375	...	4.4	1.5	19.1
143	97½	Pilkington	143	-3	...	3.5	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	125	Polypipe	127	...	1.9	1.9	16.3
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	4.7	15.4
9	5½	Porth Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	343	...	...	2.4	17.8
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.7
54	33½	RPS Group	51	...	2.2	5.5	11.0
95	73	Radiant Metal	75	-9	...	1.1	38.8
185	77	Ramco Oil	116	+2	...	3.8	∞
799	636	Rank Org	728 †	-8	31.0	5.3	19.9
33	25	Ransomes	24	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colmn	560	-9	...	3.6	20.5
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.0
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	186	-1	4.9	3.3	22.3
303	208	Renishaw	253	...	6.5	3.2	19.4
82	55	Renold	83	...	...	1.5	...
1460	1240	Reuters	1442	+10	21.2	1.8	23.7
38	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.3	34.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	6.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	19.2
128	109	Ropner	117	...	8.2	8.8	16.6
122	97	-do- 'A'	113	...	8.2	9.1	16.0
38	26	Ross Gp	26	-3	0.6	3.1	10.6
171	131½	Rotork	166	+3	...	2.8	21.9
155	80	Rubicon	155 †	...	...	3.3	∞
66	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
937½	625	SKF 'B'	912½	...	...	...	...
47	39	Saville Grdn (J)	47	...	2.2	6.1	...
248	205	Scapa	211	+3	...	3.3	16.1
238	192	Scholl	209	...	...	3.8	15.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	980	...	2.6	0.3	37.3
668	562	-do- 'A'	659	+7	2.6	0.5	25.0
565	465	Security Serv	548	+4	5.0	1.2	27.0
113	77	Senior Eng	113	+1	...	3.5	18.9
361	290	Seton Health	289	-1	...	2.5	17.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
132	88	[illegible]	128	...	2.9	2.8	13.8
361	295	Sidlaw	316	...	10.0	4.0	14.7
519	427	Siebe	516	-10	...	2.4	19.0
333	220	Silentnight	332	...	...	3.0	19.5
126	102	Sims Dalby	114	...	...	3.7	14.0
142	32	Simon Eng	47	...	5.0	13.3	10.8
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	...	5.9	...
164	134½	Smith & Neph	147½	-1	...	3.9	19.8
513	389	Smiths Inds	445	-16	8.6	2.4	16.0
450	340	Smurfit (J)	392½	-16½	...	3.4	14.1
394	330	Smiths Ind	374	+5	11.2	3.8	15.3
140	63	Stan Bus	65	...	3.3	6.5	6.1
410	265	Spandex	395	...	...	2.1	17.5
650	300	Spear (JW)	5.0	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	...	3.4	21.9
145	44	Spring Ram	54	-1	...	0.8	14.8
270	222	Staveley	236	...	...	4.4	13.5
162	126	Sterling Ind	148	...	...	4.7	22.7
26	11	Stonehill	23½	+½	...	...	...
170	97	Suter	160	...	8.8	6.5	17.7
361	264	Swire Pacific 'A'	328	-16	...	2.7	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	62	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	272	...	9.4	4.3	∞
354	279	TI	353	+11	...	3.8	19.5
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	278	TT Group	286	...	6.6	3.0	17.0
249	220	Takare	242	+3	1.8	0.9	20.1
853	619	Takeda Chem	853	+15	...	0.5	22.6
56	24	Tex Hldgs	55	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley Eliza	97	+1	...	7.3	∞
225	152	Tomkins	213	...	...	2.1	18.5
271	212½	Tomkins	230	+6	...	3.5	20.4
110½	67	Trafalgar H	103	...	...	3.9	7.5
579	346	Transfer Tech	525	+1	16.0	3.8	13.2
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.1	∞
253	218	Un Chem	218	-10	5.6	3.2	14.3
345	277	Unidare	345	...	...	6.2	10.3
76	...	Unigroup	69	...	...	...	...
1249	939	Unilever	982	+6	21.3	2.7	13.4
8112½	6262½	Unilever NV	£362½	-209½	...	3.4	10.0
915	513	VSEL	855	-35	...	4.2	9.1
9½	6½	Vernon	9	...	...	1.3	...
154	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	3.8	12.6
367	243	Victaulic	355	+4	...	2.1	19.1
410	292	Vinten	410	+6	...	3.1	15.6
644	427	Vosper Thorny	644	+3	...	7.9	12.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	5.8	16.6
468	308	Wagon Ind	387	+6	3.1	4.8	20.7
86	72	Walker Greenbk	81	-1	2.5	1.3	24.0
258	221	Wassall	238	+3	...	...	...
36½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34	...	...	...	...
366	291	Weir	366	+17	...	2.0	20.6
993	600	Wellcome	667	-8	13.0	2.4	19.0
23½	19½	Wellman	19½	-2	0.9	5.8	31.8
300	260	West Hldgs	297	-1	...	1.6	19.1
510	460	Whatman	496	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	262	Whessoe	305	-2	...	3.3	11.8
62	27	Whitecroft	62	-2	...	...	...
8½	4½	Wigfall	7½	-½	...	...	...
93	44	Williams James	87	+1	3.5	5.0	25.5
365	295	Williams Hldg	331½	+9½	12.5	4.7	17.3
34½	17	Wilshaw	33	...	...	1.9	30.6
661	533	Wolseley	635	+8	12.5	2.5	21.6
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	1.0	3.2	∞
99	58	Young (H)	96	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1545½	Alex & Alex	1750	+50	...	3.6	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2067½	-47½	...	3.3	...
47	32	Archer (AJ)	41	...	4.4	...	19.9
148	118	Bradstock	140	...	5.1	4.6	17.1
498	359½	Britannic	425	-1	...	3.3	...
641	556	Com Union	631	+13	...	4.8	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
30	18	FAI	30	...	...	...	...
673	546	Gen Accident	666	+11	26.7	5.0	...
206	160	GRE	205	+5	7.0	4.3	17.0
370	283	Heath C E	365	+1	...	5.5	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	213	+2	8.1	4.8	19.3
218	164	JIB Group	214	+1	7.5	4.4	21.7
513	408½	Legal & Gen	468	-1	...	5.1	28.4
1090	768	Liberty Life	1090	+66	...	1.7	18.9
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	418	+4	17.3	5.3	14.8
330	251	Lloyd Thomp	330	...	5.6	2.1	24.3
368	274	Londn & Man	335	+10	14.2	5.3	24.7
423	321	Lowndes Lmb	423	+3	13.5	4.1	14.9
6747½	5600	Marsh McLn	5887½	+81½	...	2.9	...
92	76	Ortel	92	+2	...	6.8	...
68	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	316	+1	...	4.7	21.0
1138	800	Refuge	945	+12	31.5	4.2	26.2
335	248	Royal	332	-1	...	2.4	...
303	153	Sedgwick	203	+3	6.0	3.7	24.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	239	...	...	6.9	14.1
87	48	Stirge Hldgs	63 †	+1	8.2	...	6.4
396	307	Sun Alliance	390	+5	14.2	4.6	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	56	...	...	...	...
321	259	Transatlantic	320	+1	12.0	4.7	20.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	638	+5	14.5	2.8	27.8
234	171	Willis Corroon	232	+9	...	3.6	49.8
20	17½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1710	1548	Alliance	1710	+11	45.0	3.3	37.4
262½	226½	Amer Trust	262½	+5	4.9	2.3	54.5
377	304	Ang & O'seas	376	+7	6.8	2.3	47.7
139½	124	BZW Conv	132	+1	7.8	7.4	15.4
169½	133½	Bankers	169½	+3	3.4	2.5	46.6
298	264	Baring Tribne	288	+4	6.4	2.8	45.3
170	131	Berry Starq	179	+5	2.2	1.5	58.2
106½	96½	Br Assets	105½	+½	...	5.0	26.1
75½	57½	Br Empire Sec	75½	+1½	0.8	1.5	76.6
25	14	-do- Wnts	25	...	...	...	...
180	156	Br Inv	180	+2	4.5	3.1	40.6
173	130	Contl Asset	173	+5	2.4	1.7	57.5
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	...	12.2	8.8
265	195	-do- Cap	265	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	65	...	8.4	16.2	7.2
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	70	+1	1.2	2.1	...
127	84	-do- Far East	127	+2	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	117	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	614	+7	25.4	5.2	28.3
96	94	-do- Japan	94	...	...	...	...
48	39	-do- Warrants	48	...	...	...	...
635	513	-do- Wwde	635	+6	9.5	1.9	65.4
273	222	Dundee & Lon	273	+3	...	4.1	25.2
281	250½	Edinburgh	281	+4	8.4	3.7	50.7
261	183	Electra Inv	259	+1	6.7	3.2	35.3
174	141	Electric Gen	174	+1	3.1	2.2	∞
102	85	English Scot	102	+2	...	...	...
276	225	European Asset	276	+3	...	2.7	33.4
108	77	Finsbury 'A'	108	+2	3.0	3.5	34.7
290	246	Fleming Amer	285 †	+5	0.7	0.3	...
210	190½	-do- Claver	210	+5	...	3.2	41.4
285	212	Do Contl	285	+7	2.7	1.2	...
185	147	-do- Enter	185	+2	4.7	3.2	∞
301	213	-do- F East	294	+2	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300 †	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	93	-do- HI Inc	95 †	...	...	5.8	16.2
243	136	-do- Japan	243	+5	0.3	0.2	...
265	250	-do- Merc	265	+3	6.7	3.2	56.7
271	208	-do- O'seas	263	+1	4.0	1.9	62.8
264	212	Foreign & Col	240	+3½	3.3	1.7	65.3
210	164	-do- Eurotst	207½	+5½	1.2	0.7	...
112	87	-do- German	110	-1	0.5	0.6	...
296	191	-do- Pacific	286	+4	1.9	0.9	...
153	116	-do- Smaller	153	+1½	1.8	1.5	77.4
245	145	GT Japan	245	+8	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	130	+1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	113	+1	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	136	+3	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	281	+5	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	255	+1	...	3.3	35.2
382	340	Greenfriar	382	+5	...	2.1	57.1
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	53	...	0.6	1.4	∞
134	124	IBS Cap	134	+1	5.1	4.8	26.7
95	77	IBS UK Smllr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
186	159½	Kleinwort Char	185	+4	5.0	3.4	76.0
221	176	-do- O'seas	220	+4	3.3	1.9	62.5
127	108	-do- Smlr	121½	...	4.0	4.1	29.5
614	540	Law Debenture	614	+3	18.2	3.7	30.7
187	164	Majedie	187	+12	...	3.2	38.2
254	221	Merchants	254 †	+1½	10.6	5.2	23.5
5925	3700	Merrill Lynch	5925 †	+125	...	...	...
454	383	Monks Inv Tst	454	+4	...	1.8	57.5
127	105	Morg Grenf Inc	127	+2	...	4.5	25.2
38	23	Do Warrants	38	+1	...	...	...
47	30	Murray Euro	42	...	0.1	0.4	...
12	4½	Do Wts	12	...	...	...	...
332	282	Murray Income	331	+9	...	4.1	31.5
319	265	-do- Intl	311	-3	11.4	4.6	28.0
343	263	-do- Small	343	+3	4.2	1.5	∞
103	46½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	14.0	9.2
106	73	-do- S/C Cap	106	+2	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DF	147	+1	...	...	...
279	230	-do- Vent	279	+2	...	4.6	22.0
83	56½	New Frontier	83	+½	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nthrng Inc	77	...	6.7	11.0	14.4
315	249	O'seas Inv Tst	315	+9	2.8	1.1	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	387	+3	1.1	0.4	...
292	187	Do Warrants	292	+3	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8200	+50	...	2.4	49.0
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	150	+1	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	116	+1	9.2	10.1	11.3
401	350	Robeco	401	+16	...	3.3	...
401	346	Rolinco	401	+18	...	2.0	...
283	214	St Andrew Inv	263	+3	7.5	3.6	35.2
148½	131	Scot American	146½	...	...	4.0	30.7
209	138	Scot Asian	200	+5	...	...	...
445	225	do Warrants	445	+20	...	...	...
74½	63½	-do- Eastern	74½	+½	1.5	2.6	48.9
210	183	Scottish	209	+2	4.6	2.8	43.3
201	178	-do- Mtge	201	+2	4.0	2.5	52.2
88½	71	-do- Value	88½	...	...	2.5	63.0
1505	1390	Second Allince	1505	+10	36.5	3.0	40.4
85½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	+1	3.2	4.8	28.3
146	109½	Selective Asset	146	+1	1.2	1.0	51.5
28	14	Sphere Inv	28	+½	3.1	14.2	8.8
145	112	TR Far East	139	...	4.5	4.1	30.2
144½	126	TR City Of Lon	144½	+2½	4.7	4.1	30.3
154	110	TR Pacific	144	+1	0.3	0.3	...
27½	17	TR Property	27½	+½	0.9	4.1	29.1
72	47	TR Tech Inv	72 †	...	1.7	3.0	26.7
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	178	+2	3.8	2.7	...
324	283	Temple Bar	324	+6	13.2	5.2	24.1
91	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	88	-1	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	72	+½	2.3	4.0	29.0
513	363	Throg Dual Cp	513	+8	...	...	...
212	178	USDC Invest	212	+3	4.5	2.7	39.0
107½	76½	Value Inc Tst	107½	+1½	3.6	4.2	27.0
614	542	Whitbread Inv	614	+4	16.5	3.4	37.0
204	181	Witan	204	+2	5.6	3.5	35.3

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
364	259	Airtours	364	+6	7.2	2.5	12.9
64	42	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
357	194	Anglia TV	334	-4	...	3.5	15.5
103	63	Baldwin	63	...	3.0	6.0	8.6
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	-½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Im	4½	...	...	...	...
282	110	Campari	138	...	...	10.9	...
199	171	Capital Radio	199	...	5.2	3.3	23.0
818	718	Carlton Comm	740 †	+2	17.0	2.9	21.8
200	158	Castle Comm	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1973	-12	38.0	2.4	21.5
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	505	+1	...	3.2	15.1
350	175	Eurocamp	182	+5	9.7	6.7	7.5
1180	623	Euro Disney	653	-2	...	1.9	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
35	18	Ex-Lands	35	+1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	267	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	315	First Leisure	315	-1	6.1	2.5	21.7
515	298	GWR Gp	506	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	231	...	6.1	3.3	18.0
7½	4½	Greenwich Comm	7½	+2½	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	51½	-1½	...	...	22.0
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50	...	...	5.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
490	362	LWT CP	475	-8	...	1.3	22.0
475	327	Man Utd	435	-2	18.0	5.2	15.0
148	59	Owners Abrd	62	-2	3.5	7.2	4.9
66	33	The Pelican Gp	62	-1	...	3.3	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	158 †	...	...	2.6	∞
38	16	Quadrant Grp	28	+1	...	...	...
318	254	Radio Clyde	295	...	...	3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	169	-1	...	3.3	22.3
553	431	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
245½	168	Stanley Leisure	243 †	+9	4.3	2.2	∞
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
7	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Htsp	101	...	...	...	3.3
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	274	Ulster TV	475	+1	10.0	2.6	14.6
101	62	Vardon	96	+1	0.7	1.0	22.7
22	11	Wembley	13½	+½	0.2	1.9	...
36	7½	Whitegate	34	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	203	-2	12.0	7.4	6.1
119	83	Zetters Gp	116	-3	8.0	8.9	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5700	+400	...	3.6	27.5
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1518½	...	...	6.1	7.6
2300	1125	Ang Am	2200	+75	...	3.0	19.0
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	27½	+½	...	...	...
125	33	Blyvoors	125	+16	...	4.9	6.9
46	18	Bracken	36	+1	...	...	2.0
871	233	Buffels	819	+32	...	7.9	∞
2½	1	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	647	+22	...	3.2	20.8
43½	11	Cluff Res	39½	+2½	...	...	...
1300	762½	De Beers	1289½	+50	...	3.7	17.4
162	37½	Deelkraal	162	+1	...	1.2	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	85	+8	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	890	+44	...	3.4	∞
209	120	Durban	142	+7	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	176	+1	...	6.5	5.0
270	54	E Rand Prop	262	+2	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	604	+64	...	2.0	14.1
899	282	FS Cons	899	+78	...	5.6	10.8
73	8	FS Dev	65	+8	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1587	+50	...	2.5	25.0
180	125	Gencor	179	+5	...	5.5	13.9
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	62½	+5	...	3.2	15.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	+½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	169	+2	...	6.1	10.0
360	87	Harmony	355	+17	...	...	...
425	78	Hartebst	425	+20	...	4.6	∞
14	8½	Inoco	13	+1½	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	944	+36	...	...	21.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9	...	...	...	...
1012	332	Kinross	1012	-7	...	5.0	11.1
913	319	Kloof	860	+53	...	2.6	∞
135	25	Leslie	127	+4	...	3.3	12.8
306	13	Loraine	208	+2	...	...	...
800	620	Lydenburg	800	...	...	...	22.0
116½	81½	MIM	96½	+2	...	2.4	44.0
1265	820	Minorco	1265	+101	...	3.0	15.0
139½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	131	+4½	...	3.8	20.2
2287½	610	Orange Free	2287½	+162½	...	5.7	17.5
709	607	RTZ	672	+6	...	3.9	25.3
637½	425	Rand Mines	637½	...	...	9.2	2.9
667	150	Randfontein	667	+22	...	4.5	∞
192	115	Renison	177	+12	...	2.5	17.2
1200	890	Rustnbrg	1112½	-37½	...	4.1	17.4
595	191	St Helena	595	+47	...	4.1	12.0
2100	475	Southvaal	2100	+115	...	2.7	36.4
109	18	Stilfontein	109	+1	...	5.8	18.9
201	58	Unisel	147	+1	...	2.1	14.3
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	6075	+550	...	3.6	10.4
582	154	Welkom	582	+37	...	5.8	17.3
351	26	Western Areas	351	+9	...	2.0	...
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2512½	+184½	...	2.5	11.6
278	176	Wstrn Mining	278	+14	...	...	...
1013	323	Winkels	1013	+43	...	1.0	8.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	1.1	∞
68	18	Zandpan	65	...	...	...	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	3.0	12.0
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	+½	5.2	4.9	...
135	82	Appleyard	133	...	...	4.0	14.0
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	275	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	7.0	2.1	...
420	165	Br Aerospace	415	-3	...	3.1	12.8
52	19½	Burndene	48½	-2½	...	...	...
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
...	4½	Caverdale	10	...	...	3.8	33.6
143	98	Central Mtr	133	...	...	2.6	∞
29	18	Cook (DC)	29	+2	6.2	3.1	19.4
255	156	Cowie (T)	255	+2	5.7	6.7	19.5
110	86	Dag Motors	108	-3	...	3.6	17.6
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	139	...	2.0	0.9	...
282	155	ERF	282	...	3.5	3.4	∞
131	92	European Mtr	131	+2	11.2	4.2	51.0
332	208	Evans Halshaw	331	...	...	3.4	12.3
290	228	FR Group	263	...	...	...	...
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3587½	+112½	...	...	...
3243½	2143½	General Mtr	3200	+50	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
193	85	Henlys	179	...	3.0	2.1	...
888	680	Honda Motor	888	+19	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	92	...	4.5	6.1	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	147	...	...	2.8	26.3
412	281	Lex Service	407	-1	...	3.3	22.0
156	85	Lookers	155	+1	6.2	5.1	...
152	126	Lucas	147	+1	7.0	6.0	...
...	21	Mabeys Grp	23	...	...	...	...
224½	224½	Pendragon	259	+1	...	3.2	20.9
193	106	Perry Gp	183	+3	6.0	4.1	...
170	108	Quicks Group	170	...	...	3.3	21.7
153	99	Rolls-Royce	150½	+1½	...	4.5	...
204	164	T & N	203	+3	...	6.7	12.5
191	163	Trinity Hldgs	192	...	...	3.6	∞
155	125	Vardy (Reg)	155 †	...	4.2	3.4	∞
235	121	Westland	229	+1	4.2	2.3	20.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	141	+1	4.0	3.5	15.0
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	480	+7	...	2.3	17.9
370	275	Bristol	335	...	...	4.4	30.2
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9425	+50	13.0	1.7	21.2
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	+25	13.0	1.7	21.2
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	27.3
373	322	EMAP	339	+2	...	2.9	20.9
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	29.5	3.5	23.7
237	170	Harrington K	211	-1	4.5	2.7	17.2
383	233	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
355	345	Hodder H'line	345	...	5.0	1.8	29.3
140	99	Home Counties	104	-5	6.0	7.2	...
132½	30	Intl Bus Comm	129	+1	...	...	18.7
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
365	240	Independent	360	...	...	3.5	16.2
551	395	Johnstone Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletn	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	158	+1	...	...	...
394	297	News Corp	393	+9	...	0.3	26.4
240	169	News Intl	226	...	...	0.5	15.7
484	384	Pearson	468	+1	...	3.2	28.5
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624	-1	...	1.9	17.2
686	618	Reed Intl	667	-2	...	3.2	28.6
148	98	Southnews	142	...	...	1.8	26.3
162	90	Sterling Pub	158	...	...	2.4	17.1
401	328	Telegraph	385	+2	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	25.4	4.1	∞
378	313	Trinity Intl	372	...	8.7	2.9	22.3
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaps	532	+4	...	5.1	15.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	28	+1½	...	...	27.3
61	39	Arcon Intl	40	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Arn Oil & Gas	65½	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	74	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	176	...	7.1	5.0	5.3
320	276	British Gas	310½	+2½	14.2	5.7	15.0
336	225	Br Petroleum	308½	+1½	10.5	4.3	48.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
797	675	Burmah Castrl	742	+4	...	4.3	17.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	57½	-1½	...	...	8.2
268	223	Calor Gp	255	...	...	5.9	21.2
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	...	...	...	...
38	27	Coplex Res	34	-1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Enin Oil & Gas	18½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	454	-4	16.0	4.4	56.0
88	43	Exp Co Louis	43	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	...	...	2.3	9.0
67	43	Goal Pet	57	+½	1.4	3.1	10.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
103½	101½	Hardy O & G	147	...	...	0.9	13.7
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	133	LASMO	136	-1	3.3	3.0	27.6
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Scot Res	15½	-1	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	41½	+½	...	...	66.4
6½	4	New London	6	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	25	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
15	11½	Petrol	14	...	...	...	17.0
126	99	Plc Pet	122	...	...	...	9.1
29½	18	Premier	24½	...	...	5.0	...
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	...	...
393	290	Ranger	310	-5	...	5.2	...
6750	5151	Royal Dtch Fl	6175	-50	...	5.2	14.5
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4312½	-37½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
644	515	Shell	641	+5	21.9	4.3	19.7
203	177	Sunrise Eng	179	...	...	...	5.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	...
13½	6½	Villiers Grp	12	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	152	+3½	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	129	+1	...	5.1	11.7
331	249	API	303	+3	7.5	3.1	26.4
205	144	Arjo Wiggins	205	-11	...	4.5	20.1
515	408	Abbott Mead	513	...	0.3	2.3	26.6
1½	...	Aesis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	31	+2	...	5.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
375	234½	Bemrose	375	...	...	3.4	15.4
33	12	Birkdale	14½	...	0.2	1.7	12.3
158	118	Bunzl	132	-6	4.0	3.8	19.9
291	257	CIA Gp	291	...	...	1.9	18.4
292	93	Capital Inds	209	...	...	1.9	20.0
79	44	City of Lon	74	...	...	6.5	13.7
236	169	Cropper (James)	232 †	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
8	6	Crown Comms	6 §	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	91	...	1.6	2.3	13.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.4	15.9
66	42	Dudley Jenkins	66	-1	...	6.1	∞
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	...	2.9	19.5
73	41	Fairway Group	66	...	3.1	5.4	19.7
323	271	Ferguson Intl	311	-1	...	5.0	14.1
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	26.3
124	74	Filofax	118	...	...	1.3	15.1
20	14	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
107	69	Gibbon Lyons	107 †	...	...	...	...
295	247	Gold Greenless	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	42	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	26	-1	...	...	...
299	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	102	...	2.0	2.5	15.5
130	66	Osborne & Little	125	-2	...	4.6	13.7
517	455	Portals	476	...	...	3.8	16.3
266	167	Quarto	256	...	5.3	2.4	14.9
347	287	St Ives Gp	289	+1	5.2	2.3	19.6
165½	142½	Saatchi	167	+4	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	430	+6	...	8.5	8.3
23	11½	Serif	18	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	24½	+½	...	...	...
394	294	Smith David	390	-1	10.0	3.3	∞
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	238	+6	...	3.3	14.8
61	45	Sorvic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
246	183	Stat-Plus	224	...	8.0	4.4	20.4
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
66	34	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	88	...	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	157	+4	...	2.1	...
232	203	Waddington (J)	232	+2	...	4.7	17.4
772	540	Watmough	708	...	11.5	2.3	27.8
...	4½	Westport	5½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	26	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	...	2.2	15.2

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	76	...	3.5	5.8	65.6
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
92	52	Asda	91	...	...	2.9	9.6
139	85	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	16.5
2637½	2062½	BCE	2225	-12½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	585	...	18.9	4.0	21.1
74	23	Bourne End	70	...	1.0	1.8	...
219	150	Bradford	216	...	5.4	3.1	21.9
23	5	Bredero	8	-2	...	...	...
354	169	Br Land	351	+1	...	2.5	32.0
233	140½	Brixton	229	-3	...	4.6	16.1
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
157	99	Cap & Regnl	155	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
392	196	Chesterfield	392	+2	11.0	3.5	28.0
33	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Ritbn GS	42	-1	...	1.5	...
1158	818	Daejan	1158	+5	27.0	3.0	∞
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	82 †	...	3.0	4.6	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	473	+10	8.6	2.3	58.9
40½	10	Development Sec	37	+1½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	18½	...	...	...	...
201	132	Evans Of Leeds	201 †	+4	...	2.8	17.8
30	11	Five Oaks	30	+½	...	...	...
60	30	Fletcher King	58	...	1.0	2.2	∞
422½	276½	Frogmore	413	+5	...	4.5	24.0
200	97	Grainger	185	...	5.2	3.5	41.4
199	116½	Gr Portland	187½	-1½	...	6.7	17.9
25½	7½	Greycoat	20	...	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	140	+3	...	4.7	19.1
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	64	+4	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	354	-5	10.0	3.5	35.8
663	245	-do- 'A'	327	-3	10.0	3.8	33.1
244	127	Helical Bar	244	...	...	4.2	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	57	...	3.7	8.2	14.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
629	435	Land Sec	628	-1	22.9	4.5	18.9
100	73	Lon Merch Sec	100	+1½	4.0	5.2	∞
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4½	+½	...	...	...
475	315½	MEPC	469	-2	...	5.3	20.2
9	5	McInerney A	4	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	125	...	...	6.7	20.5
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	40	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 §	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	36	...	...	...	...
1200	775	Mountview	1150	...	20.0	2.2	11.4
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5½	...	0.1	...	1.7
135	88	PSIT	132	...	4.1	4.0	∞
262	138	Peel	261	...	4.0	1.9	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.7
41	22	Property Trust	34	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	1½	...	...	...	...
23	11	Regalian	18½	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	-1	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	37	...	0.6	2.0	28.0
70	39	Savills	55	...	1.0	2.3	∞
82	34	Scot Met	77	...	1.5	...	...
48	39	Shaftesbury	96 †	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
238	139½	Slough Estates	235	-3	...	4.3	16.4
82	56	Southend Prop	66	...	4.2	8.5	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	174	+1	2.1	1.5	61.5
116	79	Town Centre	114	...	3.1	3.4	21.3
79	43	Trafford Park	79	...	2.5	4.1	21.3
66	3	UK Land	9	-2	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
245	180	Warner	243	-1	10.5	5.4	22.2
202	166	Warnford	188	...	7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
78	35	Wates	77	+1	0.7	1.3	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	-1	...	2.2	33.7
157	86	Headlam	153	...	...	5.2	7.7
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	14.9
100	51	Pittards	52	...	2.0	4.8	14.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	185	...	...	2.1	69.6
57	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	23.8	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	499	-3	12.6	3.2	15.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chartwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	331	-1	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	545	+6	13.6	3.1	14.9
53½	24½	Cupid	29	-1	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	218	+4	...	5.2	16.6
33	22	Drummond	32	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
74	65	Faupel	74	...	...	8.3	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
153	82	Gaskell	116	...	6.2	4.6	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	191	...	...	2.6	14.8
59	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	332	...	12.0	4.5	22.0
506	353½	Leeds	472	+3	...	1.9	22.8
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	156	...	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	131	...	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	92	...	...	4.7	17.3
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	98	...	5.1	6.6	17.2
72	44	Stirling Gp	66	+1	1.8	3.6	15.6
51	37	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36	-1	...	8.7	...
208½	128	Yorklyde	187	...	...	3.5	12.3

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	460½	+1½	...	5.1	13.6
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	669½	+½	11.5	2.1	13.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	420	+4	...	2.5	...
813	707	BAA	777	+5	...	2.6	19.3
340	249	Br Airways	339	+8	...	3.9	14.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	83	...	1.5	7.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 §	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	435	-5	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	∞
200	147	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	29	...	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2775	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2775	...	4.5	0.2	15.1
367	280	Mersey Docks	367	+3	7.5	2.6	23.5
244	181	Natl Express	242	...	...	3.7	17.3
284	230	NFC	240	+4	6.5	3.4	18.1
302	244	Ocean Group	300	+4	...	6.0	24.9
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
666	504	P & O Dfd	665	+5	...	5.7	36.1
153	127	P & O 5 1/2%	152	...	...	4.5	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	531	...	...	5.3	20.6
141	117	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	140	...	...	3.4	∞
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	55	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britten	710	+2	11.8	2.1	27.2
382	173	Tiphook	244	+7	10.3	10.5	...
298	227	TDG	259	+9	...	4.6	4.6

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	456	Anglian Water	491 †	+8	...	5.3	10.0
652	547	Northumbrian	589	-6	...	4.8	6.1
533	431½	North West	484	+9	...	5.5	8.6
533	430	Severn Trent	502	+13½	...	5.3	7.4
554	454	Sthrn Water	524	+12	...	5.1	8.7
1465	1225	Sth Staffs	1463	...	47.0	4.0	10.4
549	465	South West	516	-6	...	5.7	9.5
563	454	Thames Water	498	+9	...	5.5	9.8
612	506	Welsh Water	576 †	+18	...	5.1	5.8
649	536	Wessex Water	601	+10	...	4.5	9.0
593	473½	Yorkshire W	505	+6	...	5.3	8.6

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; † Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100⅛	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.67
105	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102½	...	13.41	5.42
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.38	5.39
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105 †	...	13.78	5.41
109	105½	Exch 13½% 1994	105½	...	12.77	5.38
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.64	5.38
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107 †	...	11.67	5.38
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.63	5.41
111	108½	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	11.00	5.49
98½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	...	3.10	4.99
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	+	9.45	5.64
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.13	5.81
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	118	+	11.84	5.94
125½	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+	12.43	6.13
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.23	6.11
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	9.01	6.23
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	+	10.96	6.43
113½	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+	9.30	6.40
108	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108 †	+	8.09	6.47
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	+	11.55	6.75
113½	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.73	6.67
103½	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	-	7.05	6.54
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-	6.71	6.59
129½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	-	10.97	7.10

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	132	Treas 15½% 1998	136	+	11.35	6.94
122½	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.88	7.06
112½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.51	6.89
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.92	7.14
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.03	7.02
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	+	8.83	7.05
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	110 †	+	8.16	7.00
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	130	+	9.98	7.30
115½	109	Treas 10% 2001	115 †	-	8.67	7.31
115½	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	115 †	-	8.46	7.41
104	97	Treas 8% 2003	104	-	7.63	7.31
117	109	Treas 10% 2003	117	-	8.51	7.49
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	122	-	9.39	7.56
76	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76	+	4.58	6.55
114	105	Conv 9½% 2004	114	+	8.33	7.61
114	105	Conv 9½% 2005	114	+	8.32	7.64
132	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	132	+	9.44	7.85
102	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	102	+	7.81	7.68
126	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	126	+	9.32	7.80
106	97	Treas 8½% 2007	106	+	7.95	7.68
140	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	140	+	9.64	7.87

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
111	101	Treas 9% 2008	111	+	8.09	7.73
102	92	Treas 8% 2009	102	+	7.83	7.76
111	100	Conv 9% 2011	111	+	8.08	7.80
111	100	Treas 9% 2012	111 †	+	8.06	7.80
79	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79	+	6.93	7.55
99	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99	+	7.77	7.81
101	93	Treas 8% 2013	101	+	7.85	7.81
139	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	139	+	8.59	8.01
109	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	109 †	+	7.97	7.84

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
44½	38½	War Ln 3½%	44½	+¼	7.91	...
31½	27½	Treas 2½%	31½	+¼	7.92	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	0.84
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	+	1.76	2.59
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	+	2.17	2.80
167	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	+	2.72	3.08
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	+	2.80	3.16
112	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112	+	2.90	3.19
172	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	+	2.95	3.21
156	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	+	3.14	3.34
162	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162 †	+	3.18	3.37
134	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134 †	+	3.23	3.40
142	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142	+	3.29	3.45
137	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	+	3.34	3.48
114	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	114	+	3.35	3.48
114	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	+	3.38	3.50

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Masterrust	122.80	131.30	+4.70	1.12
International	95.13	101.20	+3.43	.52
Dividend Gth	57.74	61.42	+1.60	4.58
Global Gilt Sec	62.65	66.64	+0.23	2.56
Ethical Growth	65.28	69.44	+1.38	2.28
High Inc Equity	153.30	163.00	+5.00	4.83
Worldwide Bond	271.80	288.10	+4.50	3.64
Gilts Fixed Inc	132.70	140.70	-1.10	5.69

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	44.19	46.04	+0.98	0.67
European	83.60	88.64	+2.63	...
European Inc	79.46	84.70	+1.11	1.76
Exempt	919.30	943.90	+25.20	3.25
Extra Inc	45.33	47.39	+1.63	4.68
F East Emerg Ec	88.19	95.20	+3.44	0.66

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
High Inc	398.30	425.70	+16.00	3.86
Equity Inc	220.10	235.20	+9.30	3.87
High Yield	245.10	262.00	+9.60	3.91
Balanced	650.20	695.00	+20.10	2.53
American Inc	49.73	53.16	+0.41	3.01
Wld Asset Val	41.96	44.85	+1.41	1.00
Japan	211.70	225.90	-10.20	0.01
Secs of Am	419.80	446.60	+10.90	0.57

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD. 0203 553231

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	321.70	342.30	+12.30	2.68
-do- Inc	228.00	242.60	+8.60	2.68
Higher Inc Acc	595.00	633.00	+22.50	3.59
-do- Inc	361.40	384.50	+13.50	3.59
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	180.70	190.80	+2.00	5.96
-do- Inc	94.68	100.00	+1.05	5.96
Nth America	257.20	273.70	+12.10	...
Far East	320.10	340.60	+22.90	0.22
Europe	233.40	248.30	+8.80	0.84
General Inc	438.40	466.40	+17.60	2.42
-do- Acc	480.90	511.60	+19.30	2.42
Brit Excell	65.82	70.03	+3.47	2.68
Brit Fndmtls Inc	70.49	74.99	+2.30	4.53
Brit Fndmtls Acc	90.86	96.67	+2.93	4.53

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capital	108.40	115.90	+4.03	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	118.50	126.70	+2.70	1.84
Extra Inc	109.60	117.30	+3.00	4.78
General	246.70	263.80	+7.50	2.93
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.81	61.84	+0.48	8.01
Income	494.10	528.40	+13.10	4.36

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	95.12	100.90	+3.18	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	123.70	132.50	+1.20	...
Convertibles	53.20	56.89	+0.52	7.10
Eastern	189.20	203.70	+6.80	1.60
Equity Income	84.63	90.03	+2.43	6.20
European Gth	236.80	251.80	+7.50	1.50
Europe	151.90	162.60	+1.30	1.50
Exempt	83.16	85.38	+0.25	3.60
German Growth	62.10	66.13	-0.24	0.70
Global Growth	111.70	119.40	+4.10	...
Japan Growth	210.70	225.50	-11.50	...
Japan Sunrise	183.80	196.30	+6.30	...
Portfolio	123.30	131.90	+3.30	3.20
-do- Acc	219.70	235.10	+5.90	3.20
UK Growth	83.86	89.21	+1.55	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	84.91	90.81	-0.83	1.90
Select Managers	65.46	70.09	+1.89	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	106.92	114.35	+3.70	1.87
-do- Inc	97.20	103.96	+3.37	1.87
Global Bond	29.79	31.60	+0.20	5.37
High Yield Acc	56.01	59.90	+1.72	3.50
-do- Inc	40.21	43.01	+1.24	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	96.16	102.84	+1.97	1.35
-do- Inc	88.38	94.52	+1.81	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.80	65.03	+1.93	...
-do- Inc	59.66	63.81	+1.88	...
Euro Gth Acc	105.88	113.24	+3.04	1.07
-do- Inc	104.43	111.69	+3.01	1.07
Mngd P folio	36.62	39.17	+1.05	1.29
Pacific Growth	107.05	114.49	+4.48	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	92.80	99.26	+3.28	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Financial	134.00	142.70	+3.90	2.94
Smaller Cos Acc	308.30	329.80	+1.50	...
Smaller Cos Inc	179.30	191.90	+0.87	1.13
High Inc	73.36	78.50	+1.37	6.68
Income	131.70	140.90	+2.40	3.40
Mngd P folio Inc	95.17	101.40	+1.57	1.96
-do- Acc	179.80	191.50	+2.80	...
North American	106.30	113.20	+1.70	0.19
Orient	140.00	150.80	+7.90	...
Recovery	41.81	44.95	-0.21	2.49
German	42.52	45.60	+0.36	0.09
Intl Growth	35.47	37.78	+0.93	0.21

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH 061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Enviro	135.70	144.40	+2.10	1.77
UK Growth	150.10	159.70	+4.80	2.12
UK Income	127.20	135.40	+3.50	4.11

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SE Asia	87.48	93.37	+1.65	1.24
Growth	44.82	47.94	+1.74	2.80
Income	55.39	59.24	+1.91	4.17
Far East	50.85	54.38	+2.56	...
North American	89.94	96.71	+3.42	...
Global	89.32	95.53	+4.12	0.65
European	72.26	77.26	+0.92	0.99
Japan	121.30	129.70	+7.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.33	63.93	+1.06	5.02
UK Cap Gwth	82.34	88.06	+3.61	1.91

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	133.30	141.90	+4.40	0.22
-do- Acc	141.70	150.80	+4.70	0.22
European	68.25	72.32	+1.71	0.80
-do- Acc	70.74	74.96	+1.78	0.80
Far East Gen	70.55	75.06	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	70.55	75.06	+4.40	...
Glenfriars	264.40	281.30	+6.90	0.67
-do- Acc	297.70	316.80	+7.90	0.67
Growth	394.90	422.40	+11.00	2.20
-do- Acc	676.10	723.20	+18.90	2.20
Income Growth	385.70	408.20	+17.20	3.79
-do- Acc	521.70	555.00	+23.60	3.79
Master Portfolio	9939.0	10314.0	+356.0	2.05
-do- Acc	11577.0	12015.0	+415.0	2.05
Special Sits	88.89	94.57	+1.30	2.20
-do- Acc	105.09	111.78	+1.52	2.20
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1244.0	1283.0	+45.00	4.26
-do- Acc	1468.0	1514.0	+53.00	4.26

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Index	196.10	209.00	+4.80	1.58
Capital	550.00	587.00	+18.80	2.31
Eurotrack 100	133.50	142.10	+2.70	1.45
Euro Gth	84.43	90.01	+2.27	1.25
Far East Growth	97.85	104.40	+4.20	0.07
Global Bond	23.83	25.12	+0.35	5.98
Hong Kong	81.01	87.42	+3.25	0.79
Income	520.90	555.90	+19.50	3.84
Intl Growth	76.77	81.93	+2.92	0.95
Japan Growth	297.10	317.10	+18.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.10	40.66	+2.38	...
Japan Index	87.53	93.41	+5.80	0.22
Nth American	441.70	471.40	+9.80	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	56.24	60.02	-0.18	...
The Footsie Fd	109.00	115.10	+4.20	2.67
Tiger Index	148.90	158.90	-5.00	0.99
Trude Index	107.50	114.70	+1.60	2.50
UK Index	125.40	133.80	+4.60	2.99

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American P folio	86.42	92.23	+1.35	1.05
European P folio	73.75	78.62	+1.35	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.53	74.95	+4.28	...
Pacific P folio	106.88	114.93	+3.17	1.17
Cazenove P folio	73.21	78.30	+1.91	2.63
UK Income Gth	66.01	70.81	+1.77	4.58
Utility & Bond	52.17	52.89	+1.03	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	...	9.19
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income	601.90	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	63.05	66.37	+0.27	2.28
Beckman Intl	84.45	89.12	+0.42	2.97
Friars Hse Inc	176.74	190.04	+0.10	6.13
Friars Hse Cap	246.04	264.56	-0.56	2.75

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	37.09	39.46	+0.42	1.62
-do- Acc	42.13	44.82	+0.83	1.62
Quilter	125.16	133.15	+4.28	2.52
-do- Acc	139.01	147.88	+4.75	2.52

CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	61.44	65.37	+1.28	1.94
-do- Acc	69.26	73.69	+1.35	1.97
Income Fund 5	219.60	233.70	+6.80	4.12
-do- Acc	511.00	543.70	-15.70	4.19
Inv Portfolio	68.88	71.38	+1.93	2.18
-do- Acc	77.77	80.60	+2.18	2.20
Smaller Cos	129.90	138.20	-0.70	1.41
-do- Acc	157.10	167.20	-0.80	1.40
High Inc P folio	62.28	64.54	+1.54	4.51

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577555

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	84.97	90.39	+2.81	0.88
Japanese Acc	68.11	72.46	+4.03	...
UK Balncd Inc	128.40	136.60	+4.50	2.52
-do- Acc	151.40	161.10	+5.30	2.52
UK Growth Acc	208.30	221.60	+6.30	2.02
UK High Inc	135.70	144.40	+3.80	6.13
-do- Acc	164.30	174.80	+4.60	6.13
N America Acc	115.10	122.40	+3.70	0.32
European Acc	161.20	171.50	+4.50	0.41
UK Pref Fl Inc	60.86	64.55	+0.47	6.82
-do- Acc	100.20	106.30	+0.80	6.82
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.52	53.74	+1.98	0.21
Environmntl Opp	71.81	76.39	+1.65	1.61

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	113.60	120.70	+2.70	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	203.20	215.90	+2.50	1.16
Eurofund	38.04	40.26	+0.63	0.99
Mngd Exempt	169.80	177.00	+4.20	2.97
Growth Inc	220.30	234.10	+6.70	3.20
High Dist	145.70	154.80	+3.80	4.84
International	330.20	352.80	+10.50	0.93
Intl Income	82.97	88.57	+2.61	2.94
Pacific	80.29	84.06	+2.25	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	78.47	83.37	+4.20	...
Tokyo	221.80	235.70	-12.60	...
Japan Exempt	127.20	130.70	+8.20	0.38
Sm Jap Exempt	626.20	643.40	+40.50	0.08
Equity Income	124.90	132.70	+3.50	3.77
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	142.10	150.40	+2.50	0.55
Financial	43.96	46.71	+1.88	2.54
Global Opps Inc	92.23	97.99	+3.59	2.06
-do- Acc	95.60	101.60	+3.75	2.06
Gold Gen Inc	55.55	59.02	+5.08	0.73
-do- Acc	106.60	113.30	+9.80	0.73
Japan General	171.80	182.50	-9.50	...
Preference	22.59	24.00	+0.45	7.57
Worldwide Cap	201.60	214.20	+4.60	2.99
World Income	86.59	92.00	+2.30	3.23

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Endurance	178.50	189.90	+4.20	0.89

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pelican	107.35	113.00	+3.53	3.28
High Income	124.94	131.52	+4.70	4.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	153.53	163.72	+4.94	2.25
Special Sits	85.79	90.31	+2.24	2.15
North American	105.36	110.90	+2.92	0.87
Far Eastern	256.24	269.73	+9.76	1.66
Intl Growth	102.30	107.68	+4.80	1.20
European	65.01	68.43	+1.31	2.05
Smaller Cos	68.29	71.88	-0.07	2.02

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220707

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
United Charities	228.60	243.10	+3.90	3.62

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	128.10	136.30	+3.60	...
High Income	26.52	27.91	+0.51	5.69

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	94.85	100.30	+1.57	0.81
Far Eastern	142.80	153.40	+5.00	...
Opeit Income	90.09	97.03	+1.46	3.02
UK Growth	95.74	102.40	+2.66	0.75
UK Income	103.50	110.70	+3.80	3.09
US Smaller Cos	261.30	280.00	+6.30	0.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	49.50	52.63	+2.11	...
-do- Acc	49.50	52.63	+2.11	...
Am Smllr Co	438.10	468.50	+7.60	...
-do- Acc	447.60	478.60	+7.80	...
Capital	288.50	306.80	+1.90	1.79
-do- Acc	401.80	427.40	+2.70	1.79
Cond Smllr Cos	47.63	51.19	+0.99	0.22
-do- Acc	49.79	53.51	+0.92	0.22
Convertible	116.00	123.30	+1.10	5.76
-do- Acc	220.20	234.20	+2.30	5.76
Emg Mark	55.53	59.32	+1.71	...
-do- Acc	55.53	59.32	+1.71	...
European	97.26	103.90	+2.40	0.86
-do- Acc	101.40	108.30	+2.50	0.86
Extra Income	296.40	315.20	+6.80	4.07
-do- Acc	424.20	451.20	+9.70	4.07
Financial	111.60	119.70	+4.30	0.23
-do- Acc	116.80	125.30	+4.50	0.23
Health Fund Inc	122.00	130.30	+4.20	...
-do- Acc	122.00	130.30	+4.20	...
Income Tst	184.30	196.00	+5.40	3.61
-do- Acc	261.20	277.80	+7.70	3.61
Intl Growth	330.90	352.90	+13.00	...
-do- Acc	367.00	391.90	+14.50	...
Japan Gth	194.40	207.80	-11.10	...
-do- Acc	196.30	209.90	-11.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	93.11	98.03	+2.21	0.83
-do- Acc	97.86	103.00	+2.30	0.83
Monthly Income	155.70	165.60	+2.80	3.87
Qrtly Inc	50.86	54.09	+0.81	3.65
-do- Acc	50.98	54.22	+0.81	3.65
Recovery	301.60	322.50	+6.40	0.30
-do- Acc	354.40	378.90	+7.50	0.30
UK Growth	47.62	50.87	+1.35	2.66
-do- Acc	47.62	50.87	+1.35	2.66

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	355.13	377.80	+10.95	2.62
-do- Acc	725.17	771.46	+22.34	2.62
Euro Gth Dist	110.45	117.50	+3.00	0.79
-do- Acc	113.75	121.01	+3.09	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	135.02	142.83	+1.57	6.17
-do- Acc	228.33	241.52	+2.65	6.17
Intl Gth Dist	80.19	85.31	+3.01	0.67
-do- Acc	83.25	88.56	+3.12	0.67
Nth Amer Dist	173.04	183.31	+6.10	0.89
-do- Acc	188.43	199.61	+6.65	0.89
Pac Basin Dist	259.06	275.60	+11.66	0.07
-do- Acc	263.82	280.66	+11.86	0.07
Stewardship Dist	302.78	322.11	+4.61	1.84
-do- Acc	361.04	384.09	+5.51	1.84
Stwd Inc Dist	65.03	69.18	-0.99	3.16
-do- Acc	80.45	85.58	+1.22	3.16
N Am Stwd Dist	100.78	107.21	+3.72	...
-do- Acc	106.61	113.42	+3.94	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	143.20	153.30	+3.40	...
European	437.80	465.50	+14.30	0.93
Far East General	240.20	256.20	+11.50	0.28
Germany	101.10	107.20	-0.30	0.43
Global Assets In	71.06	75.86	+1.69	2.13
Global Assets Ac	75.14	80.21	-1.78	2.08
Income Inc	127.90	136.80	+2.80	6.44
International	293.70	314.20	+14.30	0.89
Intl Income	79.68	84.76	+2.22	4.70
Japan General	401.20	426.70	-21.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.11	49.32	+0.62	6.01
UK Capital Inc	170.20	182.10	+3.80	3.95
-do- Acc	291.10	311.40	+6.30	3.60
UK Spec Sits	79.56	85.09	+1.73	1.49
US General	122.90	131.00	+4.10	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	125.90	134.60	+8.50	0.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.37	49.59	+1.89	1.47
Cash Trust	129.63	129.63	+0.10	5.57
Fracs Inv Inc	105.79	114.52	+2.37	4.01
-do- Acc	229.27	245.87	+5.11	4.01
UK Smaller Cos	106.98	114.70	+2.28	0.80
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.37	28.20	+0.21	8.23
High Inc	33.14	35.44	+1.11	4.63
UK Equity Inc	132.60	142.14	+4.24	3.82
Global Bond	30.28	31.38	+0.45	5.70
International Funds				
Gold Intl	101.27	108.60	+9.85	0.36
Frontier Markets	45.07	48.33	+1.43	0.43
Global Inc Gth	122.98	131.15	+3.82	1.88
UK Intl	120.01	128.35	+3.28	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	132.02	141.09	+4.57	0.44
European	83.78	88.85	+2.02	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	100.09	106.27	+2.64	0.68

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	131.63	140.78	+4.82	0.32
American Gth	133.24	142.50	+4.34	...
European Gth	68.74	73.17	+1.92	0.61
Japan Gth	86.32	92.31	+5.36	...
Greater China	144.23	154.26	+3.50	2.85
Pacific Strategy	129.12	138.10	+3.52	0.30
UK Prog Inc	75.74	79.77	+2.49	4.69
British Growth	48.59	51.67	+1.17	2.47
UK Small Cos	43.93	46.99	+0.21	1.81

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	131.90	131.90	+0.10	5.25
Gilt Fixed	126.40	134.10	+1.50	5.78
Growth Equity	297.90	318.20	+11.90	1.98
Guardhill	439.80	469.80	+14.60	2.09
Income Trust	111.90	119.50	+3.00	2.75
International	163.90	175.10	+6.90	0.16
Japan Trust	136.10	145.30	+9.00	...
Nth American	262.10	280.00	+8.00	0.39
Pacific	389.80	416.40	+15.00	...
European	349.50	373.30	+8.50	0.62

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	35.99	38.15	+1.07	1.61
-do- Acc	37.61	39.94	+1.13	1.61
Inc Adv Inc	29.95	31.75	+0.68	3.85
-do- Acc	31.42	33.31	+0.71	3.85

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Canadian	82.34	88.21	+3.58	1.28
Equity Income	115.50	122.90	+3.60	3.36
European	135.60	143.70	+3.80	1.25
Intl Situation	78.10	83.09	+2.95	...
Japanese	151.50	160.70	+7.50	...
North American	99.53	105.60	+4.40	0.05
Scandinavian	119.00	125.60	+4.30	...
Smaller Cos	30.56	32.51	+0.68	1.91

HENDERSON
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Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	92.18	98.54	+4.35	...
Asian Enterprise	130.04	139.06	+4.55	1.03
European	384.25	407.07	+11.82	0.75
European Inc	73.10	77.29	+1.84	2.53
Euro Sml Co	121.52	129.45	+2.25	0.72
Extra Income	266.12	283.51	+5.51	4.64
Family of Funds	71.99	76.86	+1.54	1.06
Global Bond	56.69	60.65	+0.45	7.19
High Inc	296.59	317.05	+8.41	3.91
Income Gth	242.48	258.24	+7.59	3.28
-do- Acc	627.21	667.97	+19.60	3.35
International	236.52	252.78	+10.38	0.72
Japan Spc Sit	260.72	277.57	-16.22	...
Japan	226.09	240.73	-13.94	...
N Amer	229.18	243.88	+8.57	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	201.05	213.88	+5.99	0.34
Pref Gilt	46.56	50.04	+0.31	8.61
Smaller Cos Div	171.60	183.51	+0.41	3.75
Special Sits	265.87	284.48	+6.85	1.94
-do- Acc	409.68	438.35	+10.55	1.94
Best of British	56.75	60.71	+2.11	2.27
Henderson TR				
American Gth	82.64	88.38	+4.09	...
Euro Spec Sits	47.13	50.06	+1.14	0.95
-do- Acc	49.90	53.03	+1.20	0.95
Far East Opps	32.94	35.24	+1.22	0.61
-do- Acc	33.91	36.28	+1.26	0.61
General Growth	100.02	106.97	+3.41	2.43
Global Tech	128.43	137.04	+4.81	...
Income Growth	104.23	111.47	+3.11	3.63
Income Monthly	57.91	61.93	+0.94	5.46
Japan Growth	88.66	94.56	+5.55	...
Overseas Gth	79.13	84.60	+2.84	1.00
Smaller Cos	73.63	78.78	-0.48	1.76
Special Opps	107.13	115.19	-0.24	1.11
Wld Spec Sits	51.41	55.25	+2.14	0.49
-do- Acc	51.52	55.38	+2.15	0.49

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
British	89.29	95.49	+4.05	1.91
Capital	157.80	168.70	+5.10	1.80
Dollar	315.50	337.40	-11.20	0.01
European	201.80	215.80	+6.10	0.62
Far East	252.10	269.60	+12.00	0.27
Financial	739.70	791.10	+26.00	1.74
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.39	27.41	+0.37	7.68
High Yield	103.90	111.10	+2.90	4.36
Income	138.10	147.70	+5.10	3.27
Intl	222.70	238.10	+9.80	0.19
Japan Tech	78.39	83.83	+4.50	...
Nat Resources	65.98	70.56	+4.14	0.45
Security	303.60	324.70	+12.70	1.78
Smaller Cos	114.40	122.30	+3.40	1.15
Special Sits	142.30	152.10	+6.40	1.52
US Smaller Cos	73.55	78.66	+4.37	...

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UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.02	27.81	+0.95	1.27
Special Features	28.46	30.23	+1.36	1.94
-do- Acc	33.60	35.69	+1.60	1.94
General Funds				
UK Growth	54.20	57.97	+1.90	2.09
Assets Earnings	71.71	76.19	+2.79	2.31
do Acc	85.36	90.69	+3.33	2.28
Managed Invest	90.95	97.10	+3.18	1.13
Rupert Children	76.55	81.60	+2.71	2.14
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.89	50.89	+0.03	4.37
Extra Inc	81.57	87.25	+2.39	4.82
Gilt	28.27	29.75	+0.32	6.52
Income Gth	39.88	42.56	+1.31	3.55
Milvistar	78.25	79.96	+0.51	7.87
Preference	18.49	19.64	+0.78	6.44
UK Income	318.30	340.40	+10.80	3.02
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	60.64	64.42	+3.00	1.24
Property Shares	66.20	71.32	+1.47	1.61
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	150.40	157.70	+4.90	4.10
European Acc	116.80	123.80	+3.20	1.57
European Dist	111.20	117.80	+3.00	1.57
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.65	52.80	+1.07	0.96
European Perf	119.00	126.30	+3.40	0.71
-do- Acc	121.30	128.60	+3.40	0.71
Euro Small Cos	22.00	23.41	+0.55	0.66
French Growth	69.21	73.76	+3.24	0.50
-do- Acc	73.94	78.80	+3.47	0.50
Hong K/China	70.77	75.19	+3.18	1.65
Intl Growth	54.04	57.41	+2.07	0.69
-do- Acc	54.04	57.41	+2.07	0.69
Japan Perf	36.73	39.00	+2.06	...
Accum Units	36.73	39.00	+2.06	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.84	44.48	+2.84	...
Singapore Asean	84.51	89.79	+0.89	0.34
-do- Acc	85.04	90.35	+0.90	0.34
South East Asia	242.80	257.90	+9.60	0.66

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.89	70.23	+0.06	5.07
Extra Income	54.23	57.69	+2.58	6.70
Gilt Yield	121.30	127.90	+1.30	7.02
Global Income	205.40	216.50	+5.50	4.01
High Yield	138.40	147.20	+6.50	5.66
Smllr Cos Div	49.52	52.68	+0.71	3.99
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.49	99.46	+5.18	...
North American	76.90	81.81	+1.34	0.41
European	131.30	139.70	+3.50	1.40
Euro Special	77.03	81.95	+2.45	1.74
General	266.70	283.70	+9.30	3.14
Japan	465.30	495.00	+25.40	...
Japanese Special	257.20	273.60	+6.70	...
Master Acc	224.80	239.10	+9.50	1.29
Pacific	286.20	304.50	+11.30	0.52
Smaller Cos	102.10	108.60	+1.40	1.54

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	75.99	80.84	+2.12	1.01
Extra Income	24.36	25.91	+1.09	3.49
Far East	29.28	31.15	+1.56	0.83
Income Gwth	74.08	78.81	+3.16	2.73
Intl Growth	53.80	57.23	+2.33	0.65
Japan	71.41	75.97	+4.44	...
Maximum Dist*	99.61	101.60	+0.50	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.02	41.51	+1.32	0.28
UK Equity	87.63	93.22	+2.95	2.94

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	52.69	56.05	+1.74	4.46

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	432.60	460.20	+15.10	2.69
Equity Acc	821.20	873.60	+28.70	2.69
Equity Income	93.79	99.78	+2.96	4.68
European	97.38	103.60	+2.50	1.25
Far Eastern	198.50	211.20	+14.10	...
Fixed Interest	54.27	57.73	+1.27	6.05
Gilt	93.52	99.17	+1.11	6.20
Global Growth	70.91	75.44	+4.08	0.42
Intl Bond	57.99	61.69	+1.07	4.60
Japanese	78.67	83.69	+5.96	...
Overseas Equity	101.90	108.40	+5.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	90.89	96.69	+5.40	0.43

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced	316.40	336.70	-10.30	2.93
-do- Acc	695.10	739.50	-22.60	2.93
Contl Euro Gth	52.00	54.77	+1.50	1.22
-do- Acc	55.02	57.92	+1.59	1.22
Extra Inc	241.40	256.90	+3.90	3.76
-do- Acc	602.60	641.10	+15.60	3.68
German Gth	104.90	110.50	+0.50	0.06
-do- Acc	110.00	115.80	+0.40	0.06
Growth Port	494.10	525.70	+11.90	0.61
-do- Acc	494.10	525.70	+11.90	0.61
Income	458.10	487.40	+12.10	3.49
-do- Acc	1175.0	1251.0	+31.00	3.49
Income Port	494.80	526.40	+8.30	4.08
-do- Acc	502.10	534.20	+8.50	4.08
Japan Growth	107.20	114.10	+7.00	0.01
-do- Acc	107.60	114.50	+7.00	0.01
Master Trust	52.50	55.86	+1.45	1.32
-do- Acc	57.81	61.50	+1.60	1.32
N American Gen	190.70	202.90	+9.40	0.01
-do- Acc	220.20	234.30	+10.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	139.30	148.20	+0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	142.20	151.30	+0.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	209.80	223.20	+10.00	0.63
-do- Acc	221.70	235.90	+10.50	0.63
Small Cos Rec	313.50	330.00	+11.40	2.35
-do- Acc	408.20	429.70	+14.90	2.35
UK Growth	78.83	83.67	+2.27	2.36
-do- Acc	92.89	98.82	+2.68	1.36
Worldwide Gth	291.40	310.10	+17.00	0.14

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	78.42	84.14	+2.57	2.80
Income	62.65	67.22	+1.49	5.10
International	58.79	63.08	+2.43	0.70
American	60.48	64.89	+2.35	0.30
Japan	59.14	63.45	+3.93	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	59.02	63.33	+1.78	1.80

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gen	393.00	415.60	+15.10	0.87
-do- Acc	484.90	512.90	+18.70	0.87
American Rec	426.90	451.40	+10.60	0.18
-do- Acc	489.10	517.20	+12.10	0.18
Am Sm Co Acc	125.20	132.30	+2.50	...
Australia Acc	174.30	184.40	+9.30	0.93
Capital	682.80	722.10	+20.90	2.43
-do- Acc	753.40	796.80	+23.10	2.43
Commodity Acc	464.00	490.60	+25.10	0.69
Compnd Gth	841.10	889.60	+22.10	2.78
Dividend	36.30	38.40	+1.20	4.12
-do- Acc	143.80	152.30	+4.80	4.12
Equity Inc	308.90	326.70	+5.90	4.62
European Div	59.37	62.70	+1.30	4.04
-do- Acc	68.70	72.60	+1.50	4.04
European Gen	388.50	410.80	+9.10	1.02
-do- Acc	488.10	516.00	+11.40	1.02
Extra Yield	392.20	414.70	+10.90	4.24
-do- Acc	1146.7	1212.6	+32.00	4.24
Far Eastern	310.90	328.80	+12.50	0.56
-do- Acc	408.90	432.60	+16.60	0.56
Fund of Inv	523.30	553.40	+13.40	2.08
-do- Acc	954.90	1009.5	+24.50	2.08
General	54.80	58.00	+1.60	3.54
-do- Acc	146.40	156.10	+4.30	3.54
Gilt Fxd Int	64.11	64.20	+0.74	7.54
do Acc	161.17	161.39	+1.85	7.54
Gold	66.60	70.40	+8.50	0.52
-do- Acc	78.20	82.70	+9.90	0.52
High Inc	25.80	27.30	+0.80	4.33
-do- Acc	97.70	103.40	+3.10	4.33
Intl Growth	70.70	74.30	+3.20	0.75
-do- Acc	121.80	128.70	+5.60	0.75
Intl Inc	96.90	102.50	+2.70	4.50
Japan Gen Acc	55.00	58.30	+3.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	161.40	170.60	+8.30	...
Midland	56.50	59.80	+0.90	3.15
-do- Acc	181.00	191.60	+2.80	3.15
Recovery	37.40	39.80	+1.10	2.54
-do- Acc	59.50	62.90	+1.80	2.54
Second Gen	63.50	67.20	+1.40	3.20
-do- Acc	157.30	166.50	+3.40	3.30

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	139.70	149.40	+4.50	2.01
-do- Acc	156.60	167.40	+5.00	2.01
UK Income	116.60	124.60	+4.60	3.50
-do- Acc	131.70	140.80	+5.20	2.93

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	85.05	90.96	+2.77	0.44
Far East (Pacific)	143.20	152.00	+6.80	0.60
Income Growth	72.75	77.23	+1.86	3.36
European	69.45	73.73	+2.30	1.17
Nth American	58.32	61.91	+2.80	0.58
UK Growth	76.53	81.24	+1.69	1.59
Intl Growth	98.06	104.10	+3.60	0.70
Charities	109.60	116.30	+2.60	3.66
Intl Income	69.06	73.31	+1.53	5.49
Japan	57.58	61.13	+3.74	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	192.10	204.30	+7.30	...
-do- Acc	205.30	218.40	+7.80	...
Cash	100.20	100.20	-1.00	5.61
-do- Acc	130.20	130.20	+0.10	5.61
European Gth	195.10	207.00	+4.00	0.77
-do- Acc	209.80	222.60	+5.30	0.77
General	469.20	500.90	+15.30	2.42
-do- Acc	892.50	952.00	+29.30	2.42
Global Dist	133.50	140.20	+1.80	5.21
-do- Acc	149.30	156.90	+2.00	5.21
Income	140.80	150.10	+4.20	4.54
-do- Acc	207.60	221.40	+6.20	4.54
International	399.80	426.10	+13.90	0.60
-do- Acc	531.70	566.70	+18.40	0.66
Japan	200.60	212.70	+12.00	...
-do- Acc	205.90	218.40	+12.30	...
New Europe	141.10	150.60	+3.50	1.72
-do- Acc	143.50	153.10	+3.60	1.72
Recovery	281.10	310.60	+4.60	2.89
-do- Acc	367.90	392.50	+5.80	2.89
European Inc	72.64	77.13	+0.95	3.16
-do- Acc	93.87	99.67	+1.23	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	73.18	77.98	+2.40	3.23
-do- Acc	86.31	91.93	+2.83	3.23
Portfolio	74.77	79.53	+1.89	2.85
-do- Acc	85.02	90.43	+2.14	2.85
Gold General	164.90	177.40	+27.40	0.53
-do- Acc	168.70	181.40	+28.10	0.53
Pacific	94.87	101.20	+3.67	0.83
-do- Acc	100.80	107.60	+3.90	0.83

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
182 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 520 208
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	58.05	62.09	+1.12	2.75
-do- Acc	58.95	63.05	+1.14	2.75
British Dist	77.60	82.99	+2.60	2.02
-do- Acc	87.84	93.95	+2.95	2.02
European Gth	174.50	186.60	+4.90	0.24
-do- Acc	219.10	234.30	+6.10	0.24
Extra High Inc	69.95	74.81	+1.63	6.04
-do- Acc	125.10	133.80	+2.90	6.04
FT-SE 100 Index	48.55	51.92	+1.86	2.61
-do- Acc	49.27	52.70	+1.89	2.61
Gilt Fixed Int	57.19	59.53	+0.62	6.69
-do- Acc	152.70	158.90	+1.70	6.69
High Yield	221.80	237.20	+5.50	4.54
-do- Acc	520.80	557.00	+12.90	4.54
Income	283.60	303.30	+8.90	3.19
-do- Acc	589.60	630.60	+18.60	3.19
Japan Gth	373.30	399.30	+20.00	...
-do- Acc	394.00	421.40	+21.40	...
Mandarin Acc	102.50	109.60	+4.00	0.75

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	272.90	289.90	+14.90	...
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11	+0.07	5.96
Deposit Acc	123.18	123.18	+0.09	5.96
Euro Gth Acc	291.20	311.50	+12.00	...
Europa	125.30	134.80	+4.40	...
Intl Gth	175.00	187.30	+6.10	...
Japan Tracker	84.56	89.58	+6.01	...
UK Equity Inc	151.40	163.00	+3.50	4.05
-do- Acc	185.70	199.50	+4.30	4.05
UK Ind Tracker	144.80	155.00	+4.70	3.11
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.90	206.70	+5.70	1.43
-do- Acc	206.20	218.70	+6.00	1.43
Asian Trader	163.50	177.40	+5.50	0.44

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 953

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Inc	170.90	175.00	+4.30	2.10
European	61.22	62.51	+1.31	1.65
Olympiad	56.95	58.41	+2.07	0.21
Global Bond	48.26	48.81	+0.51	6.27
Smaller Cos	66.86	69.89	-0.69	1.08
Equity Income	92.36	94.91	+2.98	4.85
UK Growth	84.19	86.86	+2.39	1.70

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billing Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Acc	47.91	51.10	+1.45	1.13
Australian Acc	325	346.70	+20.50	...
Conscience	62.64	66.81	+2.51	1.21
-do- Acc	67.61	72.15	+2.70	1.21
European	170.80	181.60	+5.30	1.15
-do- Acc	183.70	195.40	+5.60	1.15
Extra Income	73.37	78.30	-1.71	5.67
-do- Acc	112.20	119.70	+2.60	5.67
Far East Gth	173.80	185.70	+9.80	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.24	63.57	+0.65	6.23
Gold	58.85	63.27	+9.93	...
-do- Acc	63.38	68.14	+10.69	...
Income	53.14	56.68	+2.08	4.96
-do- Acc	162.60	173.40	+6.30	4.96
International	30.37	32.38	+1.15	0.68
-do- Acc	43.64	46.82	+1.66	0.68
Jap Sm Cos Acc	368.40	392.90	+22.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	200.40	214.90	+7.60	...
Smlr Cos Acc	25.11	26.99	+0.65	0.85

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
25 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	67.96	72.30	+2.37	2.70
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.18	81.68	+0.49	5.76
N&P Higher Inc	199.90	212.70	+3.90	4.56
N&P UK Income	103.20	109.80	+3.67	3.74
N&P Intl	90.65	96.44	+3.55	1.68
N&P Smaller Cos	74.515	79.27	+0.25	1.70

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	165.16	175.71	+4.52	2.02
Global	296.50	315.43	+7.10	3.06
Growth	108.82	115.77	+3.31	1.93
Income	203.76	216.77	+5.64	3.70
Intl Bond	131.63	140.00	+2.50	6.76

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth	137.80	148.00	+3.80	2.55
-do- Acc	244.20	257.00	+6.20	2.55
Income	223.40	237.70	+6.60	3.47
Intl Equity	230.60	245.20	+8.80	0.82
-do- Acc	252.40	268.50	+9.70	0.82
Equity	217.10	230.90	+6.80	2.43
-do- Acc	448.20	473.50	+14.00	2.43
UK Intl 25 Acc	70.58	75.08	+2.39	1.94
UK Income	60.95	64.85	+1.82	3.03
UK Smlr Co Acc	75.90	80.74	+0.20	1.41
New Europe Acc	62.13	66.09	+1.34	1.22

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Asian Smlr Mkt	96.98	103.73	+3.93	0.16
PEP Gth Inc	103.46	110.66	+3.42	1.34
Intl Gth	504.42	539.49	+18.63	0.67
Income	313.72	335.54	+10.12	3.24
W wide Recov	321.88	344.05	+12.22	0.39
American Gth	210.49	225.13	+7.16	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	193.38	206.80	+6.29	0.20
Far East Gth	284.61	290.93	+15.28	0.05
European Gth	116.41	124.51	+3.31	1.39
UK Growth	79.03	84.53	+2.50	2.86
High Income	85.21	91.14	+2.96	4.26
Japanese Gth	231.79	246.71	+15.63	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	182.20	193.80	+9.40	0.67
High Income	112.10	119.20	+4.70	3.57
Conv Gilt	114.00	121.30	+5.70	5.95
Far East	331.30	352.50	+21.70	0.23
Global Inc Acc	32.46	34.54	+1.03	5.12

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Seaxons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	50.92	54.17	+0.96	0.20
Emerging Mkts	67.87	72.20	+4.18	0.56
General	47.91	51.00	+1.77	3.15
International	86.43	91.95	+2.36	1.31
Gilt Units	27.00	27.83	+0.33	7.15
Global PEP	35.42	37.68	+0.87	2.04
Income Gth	66.86	71.13	+1.60	4.61
European	42.83	46.63	+0.93	0.65
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.72	26.30	+0.32	5.97

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/49 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4400
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4344
Freephone: 0800 925551

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	31.86	34.07	+0.99	1.66
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	101.72	102.22	+0.07	4.71
-do- Acc	105.82	106.39	+0.08	4.71
Pru Equity	659.39	705.22	+21.75	2.65
Pru Equity Inc	80.42	86.01	+2.66	4.45
Pru European	176.46	188.72	+4.59	1.16
Pru Global Gth	80.67	86.27	+3.04	1.34
Pru High Inc	86.37	92.37	+2.47	4.88
Pru Intl	166.58	178.16	+7.22	1.12
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.89	76.88	+2.65	0.67
Pru Japanese	215.39	230.56	+13.03	...
Pru Nth Amer	146.66	156.85	+6.30	0.82
Pru Pacific Mkt	78.94	84.42	+3.27	1.18
Pru Premr Inc	50.66	52.76	+0.49	5.13
Pru Smllr Cos	80.90	86.52	+0.44	2.17
Pru Spec Sits	97.97	104.79	+3.16	2.58
Pru UK Growth	110.56	118.24	+3.74	2.44

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2961/4

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FA Income	156.05	166.95	+5.34	3.58
FA Japan	297.94	316.96	+20.48	...
FA Maj UK Cos	92.47	98.75	+3.56	2.53
FA America Inc	500.30	533.52	+14.10	0.85
-do- Acc	584.16	622.71	+16.46	0.85
FA Smlr UK Cos	267.81	289.89	+1.25	1.62
FA European	256.17	271.56	+5.09	1.38

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829020 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	73.55	78.24	+2.22	3.60
Capital Units	145.60	154.90	+4.60	1.27
Commodity	119.50	127.10	+10.70	0.96
European Gth	159.20	169.40	+4.10	1.15
Financial Sec	179.30	190.80	+4.30	1.37
High Return	211.60	225.10	+4.40	3.78
High Yield	206.80	220.00	+4.10	4.06
Income Units	111.30	118.40	+2.70	4.64
Investment	181.40	193.00	+5.20	1.34
Japan Gth	167.80	178.50	+10.80	...
Japan Smaller	192.90	205.20	+8.60	...
Masterfund	47.39	50.41	+1.55	1.26
Scotbits	264.00	280.80	+9.50	1.47
Scotshares	252.80	268.90	+0.20	2.73
Scotyields	226.00	240.40	+6.40	3.91
Select Intl	133.10	141.60	+5.30	0.40
Smaller Cos	229.50	244.10	+2.20	3.88
Special Situation	109.40	116.40	+1.80	0.83
UK Equity	221.50	235.60	+6.30	2.74
US Growth	140.80	149.80	+5.30	0.38

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Ser: 0800 526 535
Broker Ser: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	239.85	255.07	+5.46	0.57
-do- Acc	259.87	276.35	+5.91	0.57
Australian	138.52	147.73	+7.52	0.77
-do- Acc	162.85	173.71	+8.85	0.77
UK Enterprise	219.32	233.96	+8.39	2.28
-do- Acc	256.30	273.37	+9.80	2.28
European Gth	62.34	66.31	+1.51	1.33
-do- Acc	64.75	68.87	+1.56	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	56.82	60.52	+1.06	0.45
-do- Acc	57.21	60.94	+1.07	0.45
Far Eastern Gth	75.30	80.31	+2.36	...
-do- Acc	76.51	81.60	+2.39	...
Fixed Interest	55.10	58.10	+0.92	6.45
-do- Acc	66.91	70.55	+0.63	6.45
Gilt Income	106.64	112.58	+1.27	7.34
-do- Acc	148.93	156.95	+1.78	7.34
Income	330.99	353.05	+13.28	3.65
-do- Acc	976.31	1041.4	+39.16	3.65
Japan Enterprise	73.48	78.37	+4.23	...
-do- Acc	73.48	78.37	+4.23	...
Japan Smllr Cos	506.49	540.25	+22.63	...
-do- Acc	507.50	541.33	+22.58	...
Pacific Gth	98.39	104.94	+3.28	0.07
-do- Acc	101.31	108.05	+3.38	0.07
Smaller Cos	190.03	202.69	+1.47	0.79
-do- Acc	219.78	234.42	+1.69	0.79
Tokyo	117.88	125.52	+7.03	...
-do- Acc	118.82	126.79	+7.10	...
UK Equity	214.57	228.87	+6.15	2.48
-do- Acc	402.31	429.14	+15.29	2.48
US Smlr Cos	137.41	146.57	+4.63	...
-do- Acc	137.41	146.57	+4.63	...
World Fd	72.58	77.39	+2.38	2.02
-do- Acc	75.85	81.60	+2.52	2.02

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Income	47.31	50.39	+0.88	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.88	68.03	+1.69	1.04
European Opps	72.65	77.37	+1.57	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.74	102.31	+0.09	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.55	57.03	+0.19	2.33

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	340.00	369.70	+11.20	2.79
American	252.20	267.80	+8.00	0.75
Pacific	351.20	375.60	+17.40	0.58
European	450.20	481.50	+8.20	1.18
Worldwide	82.04	87.74	+2.61	1.05

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6400

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	303.00	322.30	+8.20	2.67
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.60	222.00	+1.70	1.61
European	334.60	356.00	+10.40	1.65
North American	259.40	276.00	+9.10	0.62
Income Plus Inc	68.87	73.27	+2.38	3.65
UK Spec Sits	67.85	72.19	+1.43	2.03

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	25.91	27.73	+0.75	2.84
Intl Growth Acc	30.44	32.58	+1.32	0.97
Market Ldrs Acc	26.31	28.05	+0.92	2.04

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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	101.50	...	+2.14	...
Global Bond	1103	...	+0.80	7.50
Japan Samurai	102.70	...	+5.91	...
UK Growth	101.40	...	+2.52	3.89

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	44.90	47.71	+1.33	1.59
Equity Gth Acc	61.52	65.37	+2.07	1.38
UK Eq General	42.27	44.92	+1.41	2.20
-do- Acc	55.83	59.32	+1.86	2.20
European Acc	42.05	44.68	+0.91	0.98
Far East Acc	57.94	61.57	+1.87	0.15
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.63	33.45	+0.23	6.20
N American Acc	43.42	46.14	+0.93	0.99
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	299.10	313.70	+8.40	1.41
UK Eq High Inc	36.52	38.81	+1.21	3.78
-do- Acc	43.37	46.09	+1.44	3.78
UK Lgr Cos Inc	302.00	316.90	+9.50	3.79
UK Lgr Cos Acc	380.20	412.60	+12.40	3.79

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global A	N253.61	N253.83	+0.03	1.24
US Eq	$2.142	$2.276	+0.01	1.17
Far East Eq	Y240.3	Y255.2	-1.90	...
Japan Eq	Y243.6	Y258.7	-0.40	...
FT Europe	113.30	120.30	+2.90	2.17
FT North Am	$1.713	$1.816	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y242.7	Y257.8	-1.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.893	$2.011	-0.01	1.52

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	346.80	369.80	+12.30	0.32
British	956.40	1011.9	+16.10	4.02
European	396.10	421.20	+6.20	1.37
Japan	156.80	166.40	+9.00	...
New Pacific	308.00	328.00	+11.80	0.99
Mngd Cash	95.64	95.64	+0.05	5.20
Majority Stg	95.82	100.83	+0.05	4.93
Inv Tst	196.20	208.00	+7.10	1.71
Sainsm PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	741.80	793.40	+32.00	2.97
N America Acc	119.90	128.20	+3.70	0.18
Far East Acc	131.20	140.30	+7.00	...
W wide Bond	62.03	65.85	+0.74	5.34
European	84.35	90.21	+2.32	1.25
Equity Income	84.42	90.29	+2.90	3.83

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	34.18	36.56	+0.38	0.52
Managed Assets	119.91	128.25	+3.50	3.11
UK Income	37.02	39.60	+1.32	3.08
UK Growth	36.80	39.36	+1.25	2.39
Worldwide Gth	31.81	34.03	+0.87	0.51

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	213.05	226.65	+7.36	0.08
-do- Acc	234.65	249.63	+8.78	0.08
British Gth	87.55	93.14	+3.81	1.96
-do- Acc	103.01	109.58	+4.48	1.96
European	96.12	102.26	+5.08	0.95
-do- Acc	101.40	107.87	+5.33	0.95
Extra Inc	190.86	203.04	+3.60	4.19
-do- Acc	304.47	323.90	+5.74	4.19
General Unit	268.25	285.37	+10.83	2.40
-do- Acc	535.72	569.92	+21.63	2.40
Income	326.61	347.87	+9.53	3.71
-do- Acc	679.14	722.49	+19.78	3.71
International	306.68	326.89	+19.67	0.39
-do- Acc	660.67	702.84	+25.74	0.39
Pacific	362.80	385.96	+19.15	...
-do- Acc	381.10	405.43	+20.11	...
Premier Income	51.72	53.87	+0.67	6.78
-do- Acc	109.33	113.89	+1.42	6.78

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European Opps	61.58	65.52	+1.32	0.45
-do- Acc	62.23	66.20	+1.34	0.45
Far East Opps	158.82	167.48	+7.64	...
-do- Acc	162.52	171.39	+7.83	...

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Australian Gold	21.06	22.40	+2.19	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.91	36.07	+2.05	0.60
Canadian Gth	33.72	38	+0.85	...
Global Bond	$0.971	$1.011	+0.00	7.11
Penny Share	25.60	27.23	-1.28	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3652

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.08	53.08	+0.04	5.04
Gilt Growth	69.52	72.35	+0.99	...
Gilt Income	53.15	53.31	+0.23	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	109.50	111.00	+1.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	+0.00	...
Challenger	96.60	98.85	+1.84	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	69.22	73.63	+2.37	2.02

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	2,100	MB Cardn	2,900	Scot Power	1,800
Abbey Natl	5,400	Carlton Cm	1,300	Marks Spr	2,900	Sears	7,900
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Coats Vyla	2,400	NFC	3,300	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	1,400	Cm Union	2,400	NatWst Bk	13,000	Shell Trans	2,400
Argyll Gp	4,200	Courtaulds	530	Nat Power	3,300	Siebe	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	5,600	De La Rue	667	Nth Wst W	2,600	SmKl Bch	1,800
AB Foods	207	Enterpr Oil	345	Nthrn Fds	1,100	Smith Nph	470
BAA	907	Forte	1,400	P & O	2,500	Std Chartd	315
BAT Inds	3,400	GRE	613	Pearson	2,100	Sun Allnce	3,700
BOC	1,300	GUS A	322	PowerGen	1,200	TI Gp	745
BP	4,700	Gen Acc	1,700	Prudential	6,300	TSB	5,600
BT	11,000	Gen Elec	6,900	RMC	1,200	Tate & Lyle	635
BTR	4,600	Glaxo	6,400	RTZ	3,600	Tesco	4,200
Bk of Scot	2,000	Granada	2,400	Rank Org	981	Thames W	898
Barclays	10,000	Grand Met	2,500	Reckitt Col	2,900	Thrn EMI	1,400
Bass	3,900	Guinness	4,800	Redland	2,100	Tomkins	5,000
Blue Circle	2,500	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	1,500
Boots	3,400	Hanson	7,300	Rentokil	2,000	Utd Bisc	1,600
Bowater	2,000	ICI	4,200	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	4,200
Brit Aero	852	Inchcape	1,300	Rothmans	456	Warbrg SG	1,700
Brit Airwys	5,500	Kingfisher	1,500	Ryl Ins	2,200	Wellcome	1,100
Brit Gas	9,000	Ladbroke	5,500	Ryl Bk Scot	2,100	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Brit Steel	10,000	Land Secs	1,800	Sainsbury	2,200	Wllms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cast	295	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot Hydro	1,800	Wolseley	446
Cable Wire	4,400	Lloyds Bk	9,600	Scot & New	1,500	Zeneca	3,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3543.94 (-23.48)
S&P Composite 447.91 (-2.33)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20380.14 (-76.71)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6988.96 (+89.03)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 121.9 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO 1844.0 (+15.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1803.23 (-30.47)

FT 30 share 2317.6 (+9.8)

Brussels:
General 6773.70 (+100.78)

Paris: CAC 559.72 (+14.81)

Zurich: SKA Gen 557.30 (+1.00)

London:
FT A All-Share 1448.76 (+6.86)
FT 500 1563.26 (+8.86)
FT Gold Mines 249.2 (+13.4)
FT Fixed Interest 118.73 (+0.60)
FT Govt Secs 99.17 (+0.60)
Bargains 41744
SEAQ Volume 763.4m
USM (Datastrm) 138.66 (+0.03)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 30/7/93: Argyll, Denistron, Fairhaven, Ferranti, Glenchewton, Kalamazoo, Misys, NMC, Ramers, Shandwick, Sharelink.
Puts: Denistron, Misys, NMC, UniChem.
Puts & Calls: Ferranti, Hanson Wts, Ransomes, Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2923.0	2963.0	2920.0	2944.0	14467
Previous open interest: 48593	Dec 93	2970.0	2977.0	2967.0	2962.0	93
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.40	94.46	94.35	94.45	41717
Previous open interest: 351687	Dec 93	94.69	94.80	94.63	94.79	37179
	Mar 94	94.66	94.78	94.61	94.76	10404
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.64	96.65	96.64	96.65	234
Previous open interest: 14519	Dec 93	96.21	96.21	96.20	96.21	100
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.36	93.50	93.31	93.47	86004
Previous open interest: 664024	Dec 93	94.00	94.09	93.95	94.07	48843
Long Gilt	Sep 93	109-11	109-27	109-10	109-21	37848
Previous open interest: 93337	Dec 93	108-26	109-03	108-26	108-31	108
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.70	111.05	110.70	111.03	4496
	Dec 93				110.11	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.27	96.54	96.05	96.18	113549
Previous open interest: 194533	Dec 93	96.65	96.65	96.25	96.32	7981
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.99	100.09	99.89	99.95	15862
Previous open interest: 19330	Dec 93				100.11	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.00	93.24	93.00	93.24	4041
Previous open interest: 32269	Dec 93	93.80	93.95	93.77	93.92	1615
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.50	95.62	95.48	95.58	8554
Previous open interest: 46570	Dec 93	95.76	95.81	95.76	95.80	2444
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	105.90	106.36	105.75	106.12	16600
Previous open interest: 51233	Dec 93	105.36	105.73	105.34	105.67	436

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.5 (day's range 81.3-81.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8894-2.9018	2.8982-2.9018	⅛-¼ds	⅝-½ds
Brussels	53.90-54.30	54.34-54.30	n/a	n/a
Copenhagen	9.9950-10.0870	10.0640-10.0870	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0685-1.0710	1.0688-1.0705	2-6ds	10-17ds
Frankfurt	2.5695-2.5880	2.5847-2.5880	¼-⅜ds	⅞-1ds
Lisbon	263.67-266.30	264.60-266.30	160-182ds	409-465ds
Madrid	211.50-215.41	214.51-215.41	n/a	n/a
Milan	2383.20-2401.80	2397.20-2401.80	n/a	n/a
Montreal	1.8983-1.9062	1.9033-1.9062	0.35-0.27pr	0.63-0.51pr
New York	1.4780-1.4835	1.4825-1.4835	0.36-0.35pr	0.97-0.95pr
Oslo	10.9990-11.0870	11.0610-11.0840	½-1½ds	1½-3½ds
Paris	8.7980-8.8670	8.8500-8.8670	n/a	n/a
Stockholm	12.1430-12.3070	12.2450-12.2590	2⅛-3⅛ds	5⅞-7⅞ds
Tokyo	154.45-155.92	155.66-155.92	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	18.07-18.19	18.14-18.18	¾-2ds	2¼-4¼ds
Zurich	2.2503-2.2648	2.2608-2.2639	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel   Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4780-1.4806
Australia dollar	2.1466-2.1496
Bahrain dinar	0.5515-0.5635
Brazil cruzeiro*	105398.3-105502.4
Cyprus pound	0.7625-0.7725
Finland markka	8.697-8.837
Greece drachma	349.25-356.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.4774-11.4866
India rupee	45.95-46.91
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4415-0.4515
Malaysia ringgit	3.7928-3.7968
Mexico peso	4.56-4.66
New Zealand dollar	2.6694-2.6755
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.482-5.608
Singapore dollar	2.3932-2.3963
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5882-6.6372
S Africa rand (com)	5.0011-5.0090
U A E dirham	5.368-5.492

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4501-1.4511
Austria	12.24-12.25
Belgium (Com)	36.52-36.62
Canada	1.2836-1.2841
Denmark	6.7900-6.7950
France	5.9705-5.9720
Germany	1.7420-1.7430
Hong Kong	7.7550-7.7560
Ireland	1.3820-1.3830
Italy	1615.0-1616.0
Japan	104.40-104.50
Malaysia	2.5627-2.5637
Netherlands	1.9620-1.9640
Norway	7.4615-7.4635
Portugal	179.42-179.82
Singapore	1.6170-1.6180
Spain	144.70-145.20
Sweden	8.2423-8.2523
Switzerland	1.5225-1.5230

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Interbank:	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.16-3.13	3.37-3.34	3.63-3.60
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £370m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.73% received: 80%; Last week: £98.72% received: 98%; Avge rate: £5.0916% last wk £5.1338%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3¼-3
Deutschemark:	7¼-7	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	6⅝-6½	7¼-6¾
French Franc:	15-10	14-9	11-8	9-7	10-9
Swiss Franc:	5-4½	4⅞-4⅝	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen:	3¼-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $401.80-402.40 Close: $405.65-406.15 High: $405.85-406.35 Low: $399.05-399.55 Krugerrand: $405.00-407.00 (£272.00-274.00)
Sovereigns: Old $93.00-96.00 (£62.50-64.50) New $93.00-96.00 (£62.50-64.50)
Platinum: $413.60 (£279.45) Silver: $5.37 (£3.62) Palladium: $142.00 (£[illegible])

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	47	56½	66½	12½	22	26½
(*573½)	600	22	31	41½	37	47½	52
Argyll	300	32	38	44	7	13	16
(*320)	330	14½	22	28	21	27½	30½
ASDA	57	9½	-	-	3	-	-
(*64½)	67	4	-	-	7½	-	-
Boots	420	45½	52	60	7	14½	17½
(*449)	460	20½	28½	37	24	32	35½
Br Airways	316	36½	43½	-	8½	15½	-
(*339½)	345	18½	28	-	20½	29	-
BP	300	20	27½	32½	9½	15½	19
(*309½)	330	8	14½	19½	27½	31½	35½
Br Steel	110	13	18	21½	6½	10	12
(*114)	120	8	13	16½	11½	15	17
C & W	800	51½	68	83½	23	34½	40
(*811½)	850	27	43	58	49	60	65½
CU	580	59	-	-	6½	-	-
(*630½)	629	25	-	-	25	-	-
ICI	667	36	53	-	26½	34	-
(*668)	698	25	40½	-	40½	47½	-
Kingfshr	594	58½	-	-	8½	-	-
(*634)	652	26	-	-	27½	-	-
Land Sec	600	46½	56	66	8½	16	22
(*627½)	650	17½	30	39	32	41	46½
M & S	330	32½	38	44½	5	9½	12½
(*352½)	360	13½	21	27	17½	23	25
Nat West	460	42½	54	58½	8½	14	22
(*495)	500	18½	30	36	26½	31½	41½
Sainsbury	460	35	45½	55	13½	21½	25½
(*474)	500	15½	26	35	35½	42½	46
Shell	600	51	60½	66	7	15	23½
(*641)	650	18	32	38½	29½	37½	47
Smkl Bch	460	20	31½	42	30	39	44
(*445)	500	8½	19	27½	59	65½	70
Storehse	180	26½	30	32½	3	6½	8
(*199½)	200	12½	17½	21	10½	14½	17
Trafalgar	101	10½	-	-	6	-	-
(*103)	110	6½	-	-	12½	-	-
Unilever	950	64½	80½	97½	17	27½	39½
(*981½)	1000	32½	51½	65	39½	51½	65½
Zeneca	600	52	64½	71	14½	22½	34
(*634½)	650	21	37	43	39	49½	61½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	39½	49½	55	8½	19	23
(*415)	420	22	32½	39	21½	33½	37
Ladbroke	180	16½	22	24	10½	15½	21
(*186½)	200	7½	13	15	23½	27½	33
Utd Bisc	360	30	40½	44	14½	23	29½
(*375)	390	14½	25½	29½	31½	38	46½

July 30, 1993 Tot: 41036 Call: 24519 Put: 16717 FT-SE Call: 7308 Put: 5437
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	33	60	65½	3	17	25
(*776½)	800	4½	31½	39	27	41	49½
Thames W	460	41½	52½	55	1	8	11½
(*497)	500	8	25	29½	8½	24	27½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	450	9½	29	41½	7½	19½	25
(*460½)	500	1	9½	18	52	54	56½
BTR	360	25½	32	40½	1	7½	11
(*380½)	390	3½	13	23	11	22½	25
Br Aero	390	29	57½	71	4	25	35½
(*415½)	420	12½	42	57	16	40	51
Br Telcm	390	30	33	36½	1	9	14½
(*416)	420	6	15½	21	7½	23	29½
Cadbury	460	15½	32	44	4½	18	24
(*469½)	500	1½	13½	25	31	42	47
Guinness	420	38	51½	61½	1	8½	14½
(*458)	460	6½	27	37	11½	25½	31½
GEC	330	25½	35	40½	1	5	9
(*352½)	360	3½	16½	23	10	17	22
Hanson	220	18½	23	27	1	5½	9
(*236)	240	3½	11	15½	6½	14	18
LASMO	130	8	16	20½	3½	10	13½
(*136½)	140	3½	10½	16	9	16	19
Lucas	140	9	17	22	2	9½	12½
(*147)	160	1½	7½	13	14½	22½	25½
Pilkngtn	130	13	20½	21½	1	5	8½
(*142½)	140	5½	13½	15½	4	8½	13½
Prudential	300	21	28	35	1½	9	12½
(*316½)	330	2½	12	19½	14	25½	28
Redland	500	23½	41	53½	4	24	30
(*515)	550	2	17	31½	34	52½	56½
Royal Ins	317	19	30½	38	2	12	15
(*332)	346	3	15½	23½	16	27	30
Tesco	200	11½	19½	26½	2½	9	14
(*207½)	220	2	10½	17	14	21	25
Vodafone	460	17½	39	49½	5	19½	29
(*471½)	500	2½	21	31	31½	42½	49½
Williams	300	34½	39½	46½	1	7	11
(*332)	330	8½	20½	29	6	20½	24½

FT-SE INDEX (*2929)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Aug	199	150	104	62	33	14
Sep	209	162	123	86	56	34
Oct	221	180	141	103	79	58
Nov	234	194	157	126	97	74
Dec	-	212	-	144	-	91
Puts						
Aug	3½	6½	11	21	45	77
Sep	12	17	24	40	60	89
Oct	19	27	36	51	74	106
Nov	27	38	51	70	91	119
Dec	-	51	-	81	-	130

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	9½	22	31	10½	22½	29½
(*383)	420	2½	11	17	39	42	47½
Amstrad	30	5½	7½	8	1½	2½	3
(*34)	35	3	4½	5½	3½	4½	5½
Barclays	460	30	44	52½	9½	17½	25
(*481½)	500	8½	24	32	32	38½	46½
Blue Circ	260	15	26	32½	8	17	21
(*268)	280	6	16½	23½	19	28½	32
Br Gas	300	18½	23½	29½	5½	12	16
(*310)	330	4½	9½	15½	21½	30½	33
Dixons	200	19½	28½	33½	5½	11	15
(*214)	220	8½	18	23½	15	20½	24½
Forte	200	21	26½	32	4	9	13
(*215½)	220	8	15½	22	10	19	23
Hillsdwn	130	17½	22½	25½	2½	7	9
(*144)	140	10½	16	19½	5½	11½	14
Lonrho	130	8	14½	17½	8	12½	16
(*132)	140	4½	10½	13½	15	18½	22
Sears	90	14½	16	18	1	2½	3½
(*101½)	100	6	9½	11½	4	6	7
Thrn Emi	950	24½	51½	63½	29½	43	53½
(*976)	1000	8	29½	43	64	74	84½
Tomkins	220	14	22	27½	6½	12	15½
(*230)	240	5	13½	18	18½	23½	26½
TSB	200	11	18½	22½	7½	12½	17
(*204½)	220	4	10½	13½	22	25	29
Wellcome	650	59	82½	93½	11½	32	38
(*687½)	700	28	53½	66	32½	57	63

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	28	43	56	23½	43½	54½
(*550)	600	9	24½	36½	57½	77	86
HSBC	600	63	80½	95	8	21½	36
(*650½)	650	28½	51	67	27½	43½	60
Reuter	1400	65	102	140	37	61	92
(*1441½)	1450	43	77	115	59	85½	118

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	130	15	19	22	3	8½	10
(*139½)	140	8½	14	17	7½	14	15½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	22½	25	28½	6½	11½	14½
(*171)	180	11	14½	19	17	22½	25½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	44	56½	63	1	6	11½
(*500½)	500	9½	29½	37	7½	19	26

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	17½	29	34½	8	16	20½
(*367)	390	5½	15½	20½	27½	32	37
Scot Pwr	330	9½	18	22	12	17	21½
(*333½)	350	2½	9½	-	26½	30	-

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee soared after the news that the Latin American coffee producers plan to restrict exports in 1993/4 to 36m bags, *down from 45m this year*. The producers *plan* to reduce consumer stocks by 10m bags to regain control of the market, and could reach that target by the end of the coffee *year if the African producers join in*. Asian growers have yet to signal their intent to join forces to form a global pact.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	unq	Sep	810-807
Sep	743-742	Dec	825-820
Dec	764-763	Mar	835-830
Mar	781-780	May	845-842
May	792-793		
Jul	800-798		Volume: 1786

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	unq	Mar	1037-1036
Sep	1039-1037	May	1036-1035
Nov	1045-1043	Jul	1050-1030
Jan	1037-1036		Volume: 3831

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	265.4-62.5
Spot: 266.5		Aug	270.2-66.6
Oct	257.3-56.0	Oct	261.7-57.6
Dec	259.0-57.0	Dec	263.7-57.6
Mar	261.5-59.5		Volume: 772

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.55	92.59	130.12
(+/-)	-2.05	+0.66	-0.11
Eng/Wales:	71.55	92.38	129.94
(+/-)	-2.05	-0.30	n/a
(%)	-10.7	-42.1	-27.9
Scotland:	n/a	93.94	132.22
(+/-)	n/a	-2.74	+1.56
(%)	n/a	-4.9	-37.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	100.5	100.7	Feb	102.5	102.5
Sep	unq	unq			Volume: 8

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.65
Nov	107.05
Jan	109.05
Mar	110.90
May	117.95
	Volume: 423

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	101.40
Nov	103.40
Jan	106.00
Mar	107.70
May	108.25
	Volume: 52

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	176.50
Oct	176.50
Dec	177.50
Feb	178.50
Apr	179.00
	Volume: 40

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	81.6	82.1
May	93.0	93.5
		Volume: 87

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/k)
Sep 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market ended the week on a soft note now that interest in prompt material had waned.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.75	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.80	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.00	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.25	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	160 (-3)	161 (-3)
Non EEC IH Aug	161 (-3)	162 (-3)
Non EEC IH Sep	163 (-1)	164 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (+1)	61 (+1)
Naphtha	163 (-1)	164 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	159.00-59.25	Nov	165.25-65.50
Sep	161.00 SLR	Dec	167.50-67.75
Oct	163.50-63.75	Jan	169.25-69.50
			Vol: 13442

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.79-16.81	Dec	17.15-17.21
Oct	16.92-16.95	Jan	unq
Nov	17.05-17.09		Vol: 18851

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	182.00-84.00	Nov	unq
Sep	179.75 BID	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 324

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1315	1300	1310
Sep 93	1340	134[illegible]	1338
Oct 93	1393	[illegible]	1388
Nov 93	1405	1395	1399

Vol: 92 lots. Open int: 3860 Index 1339 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1969.5-1970.0	1965.5-1966.0	1625475
Lead ($/tonne)	391.00-391.50	404.00-404.50	81950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	919.50-920.00	935.50-936.00	285250
Tin ($/tonne)	4825.0-4835.0	4885.0-4890.0	7670
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1192.5-1193.0	1215.5-1216.0	788075
Nickel ($/tonne)	4860.0-4861.0	4910.0-4911.0	47562

مكذا من الأصل

Heading from rug to riches

The Brazilian striker, Alcindo Sartori, top scorer in Japan's new football league, is using his head to score off the field. His bald pate is reputedly earning him more than $250,000 from Japan's biggest wig maker, Aderans Co. The company, which has not disclosed the fee, said it has signed up the 25-year-old Kashima Antlers striker to advertise its products on television, in magazines and newspapers for one year. "It is so light that it doesn't bother me at all," Alcindo told reporters. Alcindo said he would not wear the wig in action because his teammates tapped him on the head each time he scored. "It has become a sort of good luck charm," he said. None of his goals have come from headers.

Bermuda gets in the swing

Despite the fierce rivalry between Somerset and St George's, the sides involved in the annual cricket cup match in Bermuda this year, the occasion is a time when the island gets together in a show of unity. After the match, which is attended by 10,000 over two days that are public holiday, it is traditional for the crowd to invade the pitch and hold a huge party that often will not end until noon the following day. Even the Queen's representative in Bermuda, the former home secretary, Lord Waddington, turned up at the Wellington Oval in St George's in his Daimler, decked out in shorts and shirt. If a player has the good fortune to score either a half-century or a century, his friends will march around the perimeter of the pitch collecting money from the crowd. The money is then passed on to the cricketer in a plastic bag on the pitch. It has been known in cup matches past for a century to earn as much as $1,500.



SIMON BARNES

Sporting Diary

This is clearly a golden-hearted week in the history of this column. Greetings to an Italian football team with the odd name of Juventus Tavola. They have just decided to slash payments to their players to adopt five children from the Philippines. They have done this through an organisation based in Perugia called the International Centre for Peace Among People.

Opera on the ball

One of the many odd facts about Italian football is the way that special teams assembled for charity matches draw huge crowds. For example, a match involving a team of opera singers recently packed in 80,000 people in Rome, where even the hooligans sing the Triumphal March from *Aida* in moments of high emotion. The team is going through a period hectic even by its own high standards, with much public bitching and fighting and falling out — the accusation is that fading singing talents are using football to revive their flagging careers. Meanwhile, the soccer agents — a group of persons possessed of a machiavellian subtlety seldom found among the English version — have also formed a team and they have challenged the singers to a match.

The agents' team is called, delightfully, *La Nazionale dei Procuratori*. I think I shall start referring to my literary agent as "my procurer".

Aged hero gives young a lesson

Les Kempster effortlessly becomes Hero of the Week, and it is hard to see how he can be beaten for Hero of the Year. He has earned this most coveted of sporting accolades for his performance in a recent cricket match between the first XI of Worth School, in Sussex, and an Invitation XI. Kempster did not play with the hulking great 18-year-olds of the first XI: rather he lined up with the invitees. If the young Turks felt a little disrespectful of Kempster at the start, this was soon put right, for he took all ten wickets in their innings.

Kempster is 70. I must say, for some reason I find myself increasingly impressed by tales of the aged and guileful triumphing over the impetuosity of youth. I mentioned this fact to someone at a recent Tewin Irregulars match and was told unkindly that the heroes of such tales "were normally pretty good when they were young as well". I wonder what he was getting at.

Ladies and gent

One of the unsung heroes of the global sporting round is a chap called Tony Verive, of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). He is the official tour nanny. There are 200 women players on the tour; 30 of them are mothers, and among them they have produced 47 children. "My husband was going to do the Mr Mom thing," Lenore Rittenhouse, a player, from California who has a one-year-old son called William, said. "But we checked out Tony to see how things went and we have complete confidence."

Verive is, I learn, an adjunct professor in early childhood education. "My credentials supersede any type of sexual prejudice," he said. The LPGA is the only sporting organisation in the world, it claims, to offer such services. I wonder when the first organisation devoted to male sports will offer such a thing.

Ballesteros and Olazábal happy at surviving cut

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN GOTHENBURG

IT WAS a damp and sombre day at the Scandinavian Masters. José María Olazábal and Severiano Ballesteros stamped their feet to loosen the mud from their golf shoes and then shook their heads to dry their hair as if they were seals emerging from the sea. "I'm so wet I don't care," said Olazábal with a wry smile. Ballesteros sighed. "I don't feel like playing," he said. "I can't concentrate. I do not have much desire."

Even so, the Spaniards, noblemen of European golf, fought with all their might to beat the cut at Forsgardens Golf Club outside Gothenberg. To anyone else it would not have mattered. Another day, another cut, another weekend off. To them, it assumed the proportions of a national campaign.

Olazábal will not play again in Europe before the end of August, the date at which the European team is selected for the Ryder Cup in September. He will compete in the USPGA Championship in Toledo, Ohio, in two weeks and the International in Denver, Colorado, the following week, but he has no plans to enter the German Open in Dusseldorf.

He is not in good form and his 74 left him three over par after 36 holes. He has not won a tournament on his home circuit this season and he missed the cut in the US Open and the Open. Lying eighth in the Ryder Cup table, he will almost certainly be overtaken before Bernard Gallacher selects his European team. Thus, he will have to rely on Gallacher picking him.

So will Ballesteros, Ian Woosnam and Sandy Lyle and as Gallacher can make only three selections one player may be disappointed. Ballesteros, 35th in the Ryder Cup table, must find enough form to persuade Gallacher he is not a spent force and every putt holed and shot saved will help.

A Ryder Cup without Ballesteros? It would have been unthinkable once. He is inspired in this competition and he becomes an inspiration to his team-mates. He and Olazábal have lost only one of the 12 fourballs and foursomes they have played, starting in 1987. Though Ballesteros is a shadow of his former self at present, give him a long par five and a difficult par four to play in one under par to advance to the third round, and thus help his Ryder Cup cause, and the old trouper is in his element.

He reached the 17th tee, his 35th hole, needing a birdie. Uphill and into the wind, the 17th was an unremitting test. Colin Montgomerie hit a driver, a three-iron and a three-wood and still came up 30 yards short. It did not matter. He went round in 72 and is two strokes behind the leaders.

Montgomerie had trouble with bunkers and new sand that had been placed therein. Four times he hit into the sand, four times he said his ball was plugged and each time it cost him a stroke.



Ballesteros: tired

Ballesteros, meanwhile, had called for one last effort. A driver and a three-wood were followed by a six-iron that homed in on the flag and stopped six feet away. He had to hole it and he did. That same iron, so accurate a moment earlier, was capriciously imprecise on the 18th. Ballesteros's ball plummeted into a bunker, 20 yards from the flag. He knew a five would be too many. A flick, a thump as his clubhead thudded into the sodden sand, and *carambal* the ball was spirited to four feet from the hole. That putt went in, too.

"I am not getting any better, really," Ballesteros said, while standing in the rain patiently signing autographs. "I was two under par on the back nine and that birdie on the 17th was good, but . . ." his voiced trailed off. He has always been honest and he knew that the form he had shown on those nine holes was not a harbinger of an improvement.

"I used to fight to win major championships. Now I fight to make the cuts," Ballesteros said. "Now my troubles make the news. I don't feel like playing. I feel tired and have done so for a year. Maybe I need a break. I have been trying very, very hard, but the harder I try the worse it gets."

At least, though, his stirring finish was not in vain. Three over par, like Olazábal, he made the cut. It was his eighth of the season in Europe (he has missed five) and by doing so he took another small step towards The Belfry. He and Olazábal trail Peter Baker and Anders Forsbrand, the joint leaders on six under par, by nine strokes.

VICTOR PATTERSON



Swinging Spaniard: Olazábal puts in a big effort

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES

(GB and Ireland unless stated)

138: P Baker, 67, 71; A Forsbrand (Swe), 67, 71.

139: V Singh (Fiji), 73, 66; S Ames (Tri), 71, 68.

140: C Montgomerie, 68, 72; R Mann, 70, 70; G Turner (NZ), 70, 70; P Way, 71, 69; S Torrance, 68, 72.

141: S Richardson, 70, 71; R Karlsson (Swe), 72, 69; P Affleck, 68, 73; G Brand Jr, 71, 70; F Nobilio (NZ), 69, 72; N Faldo, 69, 72; J Spence, 68, 73; D Feherty, 68, 73.

142: *P O'Malley (Aus)*, 73, 69; *P-U Johansson (Swe)* 72, 70; D Ray 72, 70.

143: D W Basson (SA), 70, 73; J Townsend (US) 74, 69; D R Jones 70, 73; B Marchbank 72, 71; M McNulty (Zim) 69, 74; J McHenry, 71, 73; P Broadhurst 74, 69; R Davis (Aus) 73, 71; S Grappasonni (It) 72, 71; *H Nystrom (Swe), 72, 71; *L Westerberg (Swe), 71, 72; S Bowman (US), 70, 73; J Payne 71, 72; J Parnevik (Swe), 74, 69; S Little 72, 71; M Roe 69, 74, S Struver (Ger), 70, 73; O Nordberg (Swe) 67, 76.

144: *M Mouland 71, 73*; *A Binaghi (It)*, 73, 71; M Lunberg (Swe), 72, 72.

Fisher has chance to emulate Bonallack

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

ON THE sort of bright and breezy Devon day that was made for golf, David Fisher, of Stoke Poges, and Richard Bland, of Bramshott Hill, reached the 36-hole final of the English amateur championship at Saunton yesterday, both for the first time.

Fisher, winner of the Brabazon Trophy earlier this year, produced the brightest and breeziest play as he trounced a shank-haunted Martin Foster by 6 and 5 in the quarter-finals and dispatched David Lynn at the 15th in the afternoon. It is 25 years since the double of Brabazon and English was last achieved, by Michael Bonallack.

Bland, 20, who plays out of a municipal course near Southampton, is playing in his first championship. His golf is funded by a combination of help from the club and grants from two local councils.

He had not been taken beyond the 15th this week until he beat Stuart Davis, of Derbyshire, by chipping in for a two at the 17th in his semi-final. In his win over James Crampton in the morning, he had six birdies.

Fisher, overlooked by the Walker Cup selectors, was six up at the turn against Foster, at 41, 20 years his senior. Foster, unsettled by a shank at the first, also shanked his tee shot at the 5th and his second at the 10th, where he went seven down, beyond redemption.

Fisher was three up after four against Lynn, a Staffordshire county player and was five up after nine. He also won the 10th, and there was no way back for his opponent.

In his match against Davis, Bland lost the 7th and 8th after poor drives to be pulled back to all square. But the match turned on the next three holes. Bland won them all, the 10th luckily, after his second shot had hit the pin, the 11th with a par, a birdie and the 12th with a par.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 6, St Louis Cardinals 4; Florida Marlins 2, New York Mets 1; Montreal Expos 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2 (11 inns); Houston Astros 2, Atlanta Braves 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 7, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Kansas City Royals 9, Texas Rangers 4; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Detroit Tigers 4; Oakland Athletics 2, California Angels 1; Seattle Mariners 4, Minnesota Twins 3.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: English women's national championships: Two-wood singles: Preliminary round: S Langdon (Minehead) bt I Molyneux (City and County, Oxford), 13-12; O Henery (Westcott) bt D Foster (Watering), 15-11; P Corps (Edenside, Carlisle) bt M Clements (Welwyn and Dist), 18-11; M Higgins (Blackpool) bt G Saunders (Luton Leaside), 17-9; M Day (Seahouses, Northumberland) bt M Woodland (Brookfield, Leicester), 14-13; M White (Wembley, Hereford) bt R Airey (Spennymoor), 14-12. First round: Langdon bt Henery, 15-12; Higgins bt Corps, 18-15; Day bt White, 16-12; E Grey (Crediton) bt D Hubbard (Arnside Wood, Chingford), 15-8; P Lainsbury (Tisbhurst) bt R Darling (Milton Pk), 15-11; J Hellyer (Tonbridge) bt M Coles (Suffolk), 17-11; N Hale (Tally Ho, Birmingham) bt J Morgan (Bromsgrove), 14-13; S Stutt (Bickford Smith, Cornwall) w/o P Pond (Tilehurst), bt J Neal (Pocklington) bt S Garner (Leicester Banks), 13-10; M Price (Burnham) bt P Cook (Ross-on-Wye), 18-12; P Peachey (Gloucester C) bt C Duckworth (Braintree), 16-8; J Howlett (Melcombe Regis) bt G Fitzgerald (Kedlering Lodge), 16-7; M Robertson (Thornton Boro) bt J Wainwright (Oakhill, Barnet) 16-11; D Read (Oakley) bt M Williams (March Cons, Cambridge), 15-8; N Hazzledine (Long Eaton SB) bt R Macfall (Haxey, Gainsborough), 18-11; K Scott (Popes Mead, Crawley) bt H Haw (Bert Keech, York), 14-11; V Chatfield (Woolwich and Plumstead) bt D Hopgood (GWR, Swindon), 17-8; V Hall (Littleton, Worcs) bt J White (N London), 16-9; J Plumb (Rothwell Cons, Northants) bt Y Broom (Street), 18-9; A Almond (Thame) bt K Bell (Notts Cavaliers), 17-7; P Johnson (Lyndhurst, Durham) bt P Whitburn (Perranporth), 18-8; G Dimmock (Stony Stratford) bt G Bolt (Rugby Thornfield), 18-13; B Moore (Gloucester C) bt W Blythe (Eastfield, Louth), 14-8; M Fisher (Maryport) bt K Strutt (Eastham), 18-7; S Parker (Silloth) bt N Craig (Millington Quay), 18-10; L Kemp (Bexhill) bt B Collinge (Blackpool), 17-9; P Proud (Cowes) bt A Philpott (Feltham), 17-9; P Comrie (Waverley) bt E Vigor (Croydon), 16-14; P Swift (Felixstowe and Suffolk) bt J Penny (Alexandra Pk, Poole), 16-13; M Humberstone (Bedford Women) bt M Pack (Cambridge C and C), 16-12; L Wheatheed (Norfolk, Norwich) bt E Brown (Ventnor), 14-11; E Shorter (County Arts, Norwich) bt S Morley (Long Eaton SB), 18-1.

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON: British grand prix: Leading qualifying times: 600cc: 1, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 1min 34 61sec; 2, C Fogarty (GB), Cagiva, 1:34.91; 3, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 1:35.19; 4, N Mackenzie (GB), Yamaha, 1:35.38; 5, A Barros (Br), Suzuki, 1:35.65; 6, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 1:35.82.

CRICKET

UNDER-17 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (at Headingley): South Africa 157 (N MacKenzie 59; J Dimond 3-38); England 159-8 (B. Stigant 3-25). England won by 2 wkts.

FOOTBALL

TOUR MATCH: Kongsvinger (Nor) 5, Sheffield Utd 2.

GOLF

SAUNTON: English amateur championships: Quarter-finals: S Davis (Kedleston Park) bt D Haines (Barnham and Barrow), 2 and 1; R Bland (Bramshott Hill) bt J Crampton (Spalding), 4 and 3; D Fisher (Stoke Poges) bt M Foster (Bradford), 6 and 5; D Lynn (Trentham) bt G Jenkins (Kenilworth), 1 hole. Semi-finals: Bland bt Davis, 3 and 1; Fisher bt Lynn, 4 and 3.

SOUTHERNDOWN: Welsh amateur championship: Quarter-finals: M Ellis (Wrexham) bt H Roberts (Southerndown), at 19th; R Price (Monmouthshire) bt N Oakley (St Mellons), 2 and 1; G Houston (Flint) bt C O'Carroll (Brynhill), 1 hole; S Dredge (Brynmawr) bt L Edwards (Whitchurch), 2 holes. Semi-finals: Ellis bt Price, 6 and 4; Dredge bt Houston, at 19th.

ROYAL DORNOCH: J and B Scottish amateur championship: Quarter-finals: R Russell (Longniddry) bt S Smith (Duddingston), 1 hole; G Hay (Downfield) bt M Brooks (Carluke), at 19th; D Robertson (Cochrane Castle) bt B Wann (Nairn), 2 holes; S Mackenzie (West Linton) bt D Kirkpatrick (Tantallon), 2 holes.

RADYR: Welsh girls' championship: Final: K Stark (Brynhill) bt S Tudor-Jones (Bull Bay), 3 and 2.

MEMPHIS: Men's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 64: M Bradley. 65: J Haas, D Love III. 66: N Lancaster, M Allen, S Gump. Others: 69: N Price (Zim). 71: W Grady (Aus)

CANTON, Massachusetts: Women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 68: P Johnson (GB), V Goetze. 69: V Skinner, D Lofland-Dorman, K Quedegnim, J Britz, P Bradley, A Ridgeway, S Croce (It), Dina Ammaccapane, H Alfredsson (Swe). Other British: 72: L Davies 74; P Wright 76; C Pierce 77; K Davies.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World junior women's championship: Semi-finals: S Cook (NZ) bt J Trenfield (Eng), 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; R Girthem (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ), 9-5, 9-2, 9-0. 3rd place play-off: Wilson bt Trenfield, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-3. Final: Grinham bt Cook, 9-6, 5-9, 9-5, 9-1.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European championships: Diving: Women's high platform (10m): Qualifiers: 1, E Jucena (Ukr), 321.84pts; 2, U Wetzig (Ger), 299.10; 3, S Khokhlova (Russ), 289.83; 4, F d'Onano (It), 275.94; 5, I Passereva (Ukr), 267.51; 6, T Lobankina (Russ), 263.25; 7, A Richter (Austria), 262.05; 8, E Ackroyd (GB), 255.63; 9, M Coman (Rom), 255.63; 10, J Danaua, (Fr), 253.50; 11, L Basello (It), 253.84, 12, C Ciocan (Rom), 251.64. Non-qualifier: 13, H Allen (GB), 251.40

TENNIS

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Group one (Eastbourne): Surrey 5 Lancs 3 (unfinished), Essex 4, Kent 2 (unfinished). Yorks 6, Herts and IoW 3. Group two (Cromer): Leics 3, Durham and Cleve 1 (unfinished), Devon 5, Middx 1 (unfinished); Derbys 2, Bucks 1 (unfinished) Group three (Cambridge): Berks 5, Notts 1 (unfinished); Oxon 5, Somerset 4, E Scotland 4, W Scotland 2 (unfinished). Group four (Bude): Herts 6, Northants 3, S Wales 6, Dorset 3, Warwicks 8, Glouc 1 Group five (Hunstanton) Hereford and Worcs 3, Cambs 0 (unfinished). Lincs 8, Avon 1, Sussex 4, Cheshire 2 (unfinished) Group six (Southsea): Staffs 6, Wilts 3, Northumberland 5, N Wales 4, Beds 5, Norfolk 4. Group seven A (Bristol): Suffolk 5, N Scotland 3 (unfinished), S Scotland 7, Channel Is 2. Group seven B (Felixstowe) Salop 9, IoM 0; Cornwall 8, Cumbria 1

WOMEN: Group one (Eastbourne): Middx 8, Yorks 1; Surrey 8, Lancs 1; Essex 6, Leics 3. Group two (Poole): Herts 7, Devon 2, Staffs 6, Cambs 3, Warwicks 8, Norfolk 1. Group three (Wantage): S Wales 7, Notts 2; Kent 7, Bucks 2; Hants and IoW 6, Sussex 3 Group four (Ilkley): N Scotland 5, Berkshire 4 Beds 6, Dorset 3, Oxon 6, Hereford and Worcs 3. Group five (Cheltenham): Cheshire 7, Shropshire 2; Lincs 5, Glouc 4, Derbys 6, Somerset 3. Group six (Oxford) Durham and Cleve 9, N Wales 0; W Scotland 7, E Scotland 2; Northumberland 5, Northants 4. Group seven A (Exmouth): Avon 9, Cumbria 0; Channel Is 5, Cornwall 4 Group seven B (Roehampton) S Scotland 6, IoM 3, Wilts 5, Suffolk 4

MONTREAL: Men's tournament: Third round: P Korda (Cz) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; T Mamn (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-5, 7-5; A Volkov (Russ) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-1, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-3, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 6-3; I Lendl (US) bt A Kneschken (US), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2. A Agassi (US) bt M Chang (US), 7-5, 6-3

SAN MARINO: Women's tournament: Second round: F Labat (Arg) bt A Vieira (Br), 6-2, 6-1, M Grossi (It) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-3, 7-6, S Cecchini (It) bt L Courtois (Bel), 7-6, 7-6.

HILVERSUM: Men's tournaments: Second round: P Haarhuis (Holl) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 7-6, 6-3, R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Goellner (Ger), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, M Gustafsson (Swe) bt Andrei Chesnokov (Russ), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, A Cherkasov (Russ) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-1, 7-6, F Clavet (Sp) bt A Olinovsky (Russ), 6-4, 6-3, C Costa (Sp) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-2, 6-4

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont: Women's tournament: Third round: J Wasanska (US) bt S Lohrmann (Ger), 6-1, 6-3, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt A Henrickson (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-0, T Whitlinger (US) bt C Kuhlman (US), 6-3, 6-2, H Sukova (Cz Rep) bt K Rinaldi (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-1, C Porwik (Ger) bt A Stephenson (US), 6-3, 6-4, C Martinez (Sp) bt J Ingram (US) 6-1, 6-1; B Rennstadler (Austria) bt M Paz (Arg), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt Beverly Bowes (US), 6-2, 6-1.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Women's tournament: Second round: Rosana de los Rios (Par) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 0-6, 7-6, 6-4, L Golarsa (It) bt L Allen (US), 6-1, ret; D Graham (US) bt C Newman (US), 6-1, 6-1; A Keller (US) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-1, 6-4

WINNETKA, Illinois: ATP Challenger: Second round: S Pescosolido (It) bt M Perchey (GB), 6-4, 6-2.

YACHTING

TORBAY: Cadet open championships: Overall positions: Under-18: 1, S Murray and L Murray; 2, S Barron-Fox and N Lewis; 3, P Green and H Brown; 4, N Osmond and R Moore; 5, D Brown and S Harrison, 6, G Piggott and J Chung Gon (Aus). Under-15: 1, J Glanfield and E Huntley, 2, R Watson and S Collier; 3, C Sutherland and M Thompson; 4, P Cumming and S Henderson; 5, H Tiddens and R Gr**zan (Holl); 6, S Smith and S Hill

BT/RYA NATIONAL YUUTH MATCH-RACING CHAMPIONSHIP: Final positions: 1, L Sydenham; 2, M Preston; 3, A Green; 4, R Wilson.

TRAVEMUNDE, Germany: International 505 pre-world championship: 1, I Barker and T Hancock (GB), 5.25pts; 2, I Pinnell and M Darling (GB), 7.75, 3, J Schonherr and M Poulsen (Den), 16, 4, B Edwards and D Shelton (US), 18; 5, M Upton-Brown and N Vooght (GB), 26.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Third day of four

11.0, 110 overs minimum

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Sussex.

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Worcestershire.

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Warwickshire.

CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire.

TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire.

THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire

Tetley Bitter Challenge

First day of three

11.0, 104 overs minimum

NEATH: Glamorgan v Australians.

FOOTBALL

MAKITA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (White Hart Lane): Chelsea v Ajax (12.55); Tottenham v Lazio (2.55).

OTHER SPORT

RALLYING: Ulster rally (Belfast).

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington).

CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester).

GOLF: English amateur championship (Saunton), Scottish amateur championship (Royal Dornoch); Welsh amateur championship (Southerndown).

MOTO-CROSS: British grand prix meeting (Donington).

SWIMMING: European championships (Leeds and Sheffield).

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Cowes)

TOMORROW

Axa Equity and Law League

12.0, 55 overs

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Sussex

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Worcestershire

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire

TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Milom: Cumberland v Northumberland; St Albans: Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire; Banbury CC: Oxfordshire v Cheshire; Swansea: Wales v Wiltshire.

WOMEN: Lord's: World Cup Final (10.45)

FOOTBALL

MAKITA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (White Hart Lane, 12.55) Third place play-off and final.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington).

CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester)

MOTO-CROSS: British grand prix meeting (Donington).

SWIMMING: European championships (Leeds and Sheffield).

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Cowes).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Dennis reaches final with borrowed bowls

Ann Dennis, who arrived at Leamington Spa on Wednesday only to find she had left her woods at home, will play in the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association pairs final at Victoria Park today, with a second-hand set she bought yesterday.

"I borrowed a set two sizes bigger than my own from the Avenue Bowling Club secretary, Eric Slater, and they served me well for our first four matches," Dennis said yesterday, after she helped Carol Branchett, her Milton Regis, Kent clubmate, to a 22-13 semi-final win over Irene Wickham and Marjorie Rose, of Bletchley Town. "Unfortunately, Eric needed his bowls for an important national double rink eliminator, so I had to shell out £70 in the trade marquee for a set. I felt embarrassed about it on Wednesday, but everything has worked out."

June Boosey and Kay Havord, of Hatfield, made a slow start against Eileen Norris and Mary Halse, of Lammas, Ealing, in the other semi-final, but finished strongly to win 21-13.

Fifa suspend Bosnich

FOOTBALL: Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, plans to take legal advice after being suspended yesterday by Fifa, the game's world governing body, for his decision to withdraw from Australia's squad for two World Cup qualifying ties against Canada. Bosnich has been suspended until August 16, one day after Australia play Canada in the second tie and two days after Villa's opening match of the new league season, against Queens Park Rangers. The first tie takes place in Edmonton, Canada.

Bosnich, 21, who comes from Sydney, withdrew from the Australian squad claiming he had retired from international football for business reasons. Yesterday, he promised to fight the ban, saying: "I believe this could be restraint of trade. My heart is with Aston Villa, they are my bread and butter." To avoid being selected by Australia in future, he must now write to the Football Association and Fifa confirming that he no longer wants to play for them.

Morgan feels at home

DIVING: Robert Morgan, 26, the Commonwealth highboard champion from Llantwit Major, showed on the opening day of the European championships in Sheffield how advantageous it can be to compete in the pool in which you do your training. Morgan reached the semi-finals of the one-metre springboard event at the Ponds Forge pool by posting the second-best score in the qualifying round. With 356.37 points, he is within seven points of Andrei Semeniuk, of Belorus. The first four in the qualifying round are excused the quarter-final stage. Morgan, who finished third in Europe in the highboard two years ago, competes in the semi-final this morning.

Joyce takes 100m gold

ATHLETICS: Britain enjoyed a glorious few minutes at the European junior championships in San Sebastián yesterday evening when Danny Joyce won the 100 metres and Katharine Merry and Ejike Wodu picked up the silver and bronze medals. Joyce was added to the team only last week after achieving the qualifying standard late, but won in 10.63sec. Joyce, 18, a member of Bedford and County AC, was last out of his blocks and beat Rafael Gruczecki, of Germany, in a photo finish. Wodu was third in 10.77. Merry's race was almost a carbon copy of Joyce's but she ran out of track as Hana Bensova, of the Czech Republic, held her off, 11.56sec to 11.58.

Canada visit Cardiff

RUGBY UNION: Wales will meet Canada in a full international under floodlights at Cardiff Arms Park on Wednesday, November 10, in a match that is being earmarked as part of Welsh preparations for the five nations' championship. The Welsh Rugby Union's new general committee chairman, Vernon Pugh, said yesterday: "We are delighted that Canada have accepted our invitation to travel to Wales and play us. Canada have a rapidly improving side and were quarter-finalists in the last World Cup. They will provide us with tough opposition, which is just what we will need at that stage of the season."

Triumph for youth

SQUASH: England's long hold on the world junior women's championship was broken in Kuala Lumpur yesterday when Rachael Grinham, from Toowoomba in Australia, defeated Sarah Cook, of New Zealand, 9-6, 5-9, 9-5, 9-1 in a 31-minute final. Grinham, 16, an inventive stroke player with extraordinary speed, is the first to win the title while young enough to defend the under-19 championship, in Sydney in two years. Jenny Tranfield, 18, from Sheffield, lost the third place play-off 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-3 to Jade Wilson, of New Zealand. Today she, Donia Leeves, Stephanie Brind and Tracey Shenton defend England's team title.

Jones accepts new role

RUGBY LEAGUE: Alan Jones, the former Australia rugby union coach, has been appointed general manager of the struggling South Sydney club. He was appointed two weeks after being forced to resign following three seasons as coach with another Winfield Cup team, Balmain. He will deal with player recruitment and retention, team selection and coaching appointments, South Sydney said in a statement. Jones, a radio talk show host and former advisor to a former prime minister, Malcolm Fraser, failed to lead Balmain to the play-offs in any of his three seasons in charge.

Kenya ignore Ondieki



ATHLETICS: Yobes Ondieki, right, the world record-holder in the 10,000 metres, will miss the world championships in Germany next month because he failed to attend Kenya's team selection trials. Ondieki, who lives in the United States, became the first man to run the 10,000 in under 27 minutes in Oslo, Norway, on July 10, finishing in a time of 26min 58.38sec.

Jarama fills breach

MOTORCYCLING: The cancelled South African grand prix has been replaced by a race meeting at Jarama, marking the third time Spain will host a round of the world championship this season. The International Motorcycling Federation (FIM) said yesterday that the last race of the series, originally scheduled for Kyalami on October 3, would be at the Madrid circuit on September 26. The FIM grand prix follows races at Jerez and Barcelona earlier this year. South Africa lost its round of the championship series because of financial and security problems.

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British miss gold as Swiss enjoy rare win

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GIJON, SPAIN

SWITZERLAND held off a determined challenge by the British to win the European showjumping championships here last night by the slender margin of 1.92 points. It is only the second time Switzerland has won these championships since they started in 1975. Britain, who came here intent on winning their fifth gold medal, had to settle for the silver for the second successive occasion.

"It's disappointing," Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, said afterwards, "but the riders all went well and it could hardly have been closer." France took the bronze medal after an extraordinary collapse by the German team, the pre-competition favourites.

Willi Mellinger, of Switzerland, is in the lead for the individual contest, which has its final tomorrow. Michael Whitaker, of Britain, is in third place, behind Michel Robert, of France.

Nicolas Alvarez de Bohorquez's 13-fence course for yesterday's two-round competition was not as big as expected, but it posed a series of technical problems. The competition quickly developed into a tussle between Switzerland, the overnight leaders, Germany and Great Britain — the three separated by less than four points, the cost of one fence down, at the start of the competition.

Germany quickly moved into the lead with clear rounds from their first two riders while Switzerland failed to get a clear round from either of their. Nick Skelton kept Britain in contention with a superb clear round on Everest Dollar Girl, but Michael Whitaker, the second to go, had four faults on Everest Midnight Madness.

Tension mounted when Germany's two — Ludger Beerbaum and Franke Sloothaak, who was riding Weiheiwej — both proved vulnerable. Beerbaum had 12 faults on Rush On, while Weihaiwej, who has not had more than four faults in a major competition this year, chose this moment to have eight.

Britain failed to take advantage when Mark Armstrong, on Corella, and John Whitaker, on Everest Gammon, the last two riders in the team, both had four faults. Nevertheless, Britain were just 1.19 points behind Germany at the start of the second and final round with Switzerland two points behind Britain.

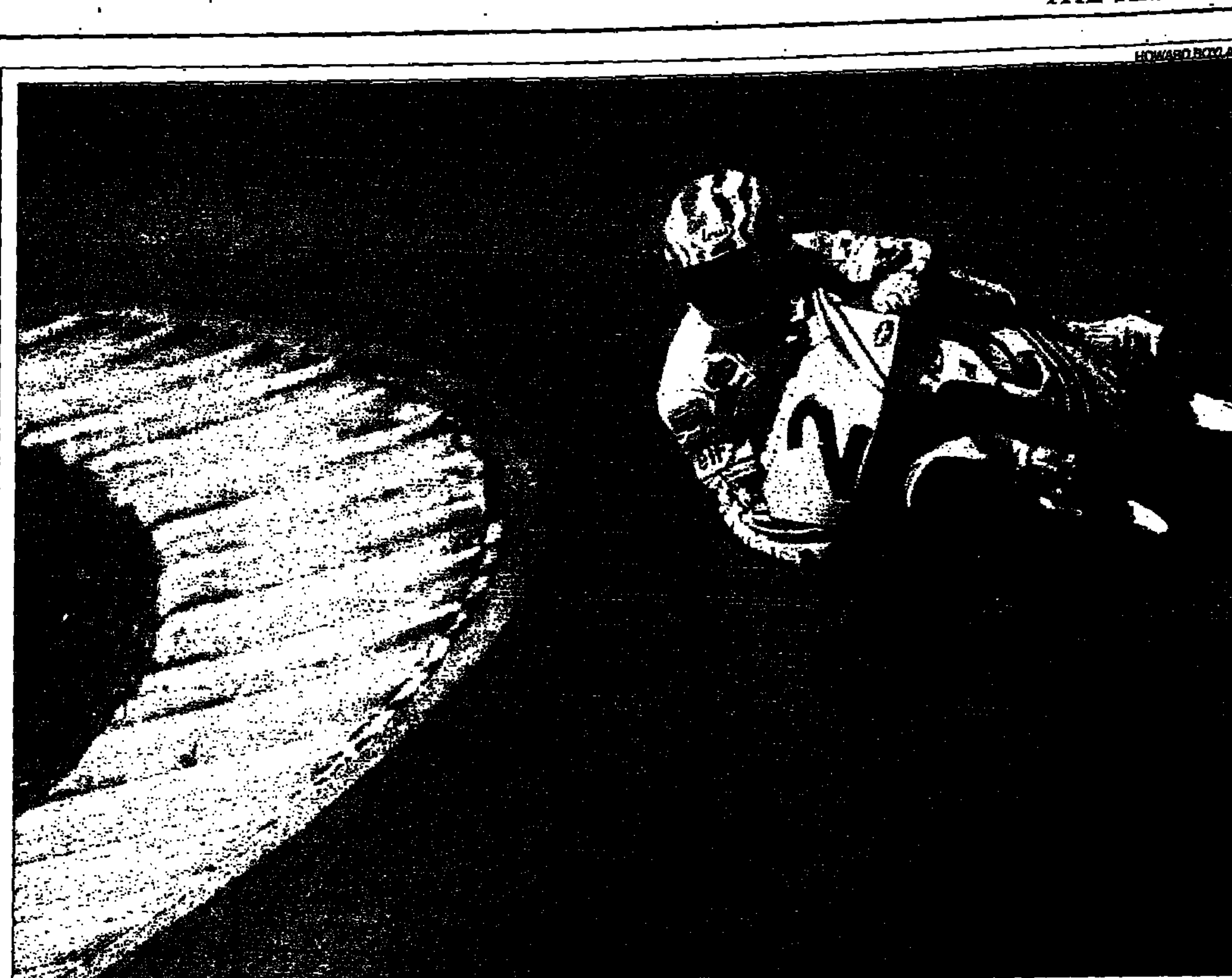
Yet the order changed quickly. Germany and Switzerland produced clear rounds from each of their first two riders. Skelton, whose attacking style of riding has been seen to superb effect on this arena, made one expensive mistake on Dollar Girl at the very last fence.

Although Michael Whitaker compensated with a faultless round, Switzerland had recaptured the lead with clear rounds from each of her first three riders — Melliger, Stefan Lauber and the former British rider, Lesley McNaught-Mandli, on Pirol.

Everything hinged on the last two riders from each of the German and British teams. The only chance either country had of overtaking Switzerland was by producing two clear rounds.

Germany's chance evaporated when Beerbaum hit fence 5b. Armstrong found himself in the unenviable position of having to go clear to keep Britain in contention, but he could not.

RESULTS: Team competition: 1, Switzerland, 19.23pts; 2, Great Britain, 21.15; 3, France, 29.88; 4, Germany, 31.96. Individual: 1, Quinta-C (W Melliger, Switz), 4.58; 2, Miss San Patrignano (M Robert, Fr), 4.91; 3, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB), 5.33; 4, Dexter (R Tebbel, Ger), 5.90; 5, Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB), 5.96; 6, Apricot (H Simon, Austria). 8. Other British placings: 10, Everest Gammon (J Whitaker), 9.86; 33, Corella (M Armstrong), 27.38.



HOWARD BOYLAN

Banking on success: Doohan is still hoping to mount a serious challenge in the 500cc title race despite crashing in practice yesterday

Americans ready for Donington duel

Oliver Holt assesses the world 500cc challengers racing at Donington Park

AS FORMULA One grand prix racing succumbs inexorably to domination by Alain Prost and the Williams team, the other pinnacle of motor sport, the 500cc world motorcycling championship, is poised on a knife-edge as it enters the crucial tenth round of the 14-race series tomorrow.

Many of the temporary grandstands erected for Donington's first Formula One grand prix in April have been dismantled, but an air of excitement pervaded the track yesterday as a smattering of spectators turned out to witness the initial skirmishes between the two men who have bestrode the season like giants.

In the absence of a serious challenge from the Australian, Michael Doohan, who crashed in qualifying yesterday and is still recovering from the serious accident which robbed him of the title last year, the season has developed into a thrilling duel between the American riders, Kevin Schwantz and Wayne Rainey, reminiscent of the contest fought out by Kenny Roberts and Freddie Spencer a decade ago.

Rainey, riding a Marlboro Yamaha, is bidding for a fourth successive world championship title, but Schwantz has won the British grand prix here three times, edging out his compatriot on each occasion and goes into the race 23 points ahead of his rival.

Both were upstaged yesterday during a dramatic afternoon qualifying session when the Italian, Luca Cadalora, snatched provisional pole position from the Blackburn Superbike rider, Carl Fogarty, who is only competing in the event on a wild card entry. Schwantz, 29, an ebullient Texan, winded himself when he crushed his Lucky Strike Suzuki in the Craner Curves after one lap of qualifying and could finish only eighth when he resumed. Rainey was third.

The American pair, though, are still the overwhelming favourites for tomorrow's race. Schwantz has recovered from a poor season last year when he won only one race and is looking for his fifth win of the year.

"I have got a great rapport with the British fans," he said. "Donington Park has always been good to me and I hope it will stay that way this year. With the championship at such a crucial stage, the race has assumed exceptional importance."

But Rainey, 32, a charming Californian, won the championship in the final race of last season after Doohan's accident and has not given up hope of overhauling Schwantz. "Last season showed that it is never over until somebody has won the championship," he said. "Donington has not been kind to me. I won my first race here in 1988 riding at only about 75 per cent, but since then I seem to have ridden at 200 per cent without any result. But the bike is performing well and I am confident."

Although the Americans have a stranglehold at the top, British riders are massing in the lower ranks. There will be nine on the grid, more than ever before, led by Niall Mackenzie, seventh in the championship.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: 1, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 192pts; 2, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 169; 3, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 120; 4, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 116; 5, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 87; 6, A Criville (Sp), Honda, 77; 7, N Mackenzie (GB), Yamaha, 64; 8, A Barros (Br), Suzuki, 63; 9, D Chandler (US), Cagiva, 59; 10, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 59.

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Arrests at football matches decline

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE number of arrests at English football matches last season shows a slight decrease compared with 1991-2, a police report says.

Although attendance figures rose by 261,169 to 24,535,734, there was a drop in the overall arrests of 51. The total number of people arrested at League and Cup matches last season was 6,327.

However, in Cup games alone, there was a 27 per cent increase in arrests, a figure that Supt Adrian Appleby, of the football unit at the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), said was statistically interesting but not particularly significant.

"What these figures show is that the problem of hooliganism has stayed at about the same level over the two seasons," he said. "There are also a number of incidents in city centres which involve football supporters and occur sometimes hours after matches. However, these are never reported as being related to the game itself.

"There are still problems, as the outbreak of violence in Oslo clearly showed. However, there were no arrests at all in the US Cup in June, although one or two potential troublemakers were turned back at the border."

Appleby said the arrest figures were also affected by the increasing tendency of clubs to use stewards rather than the police. "When this occurs, there is obviously a drop in the numbers being charged with offences because stewards can only eject people, not arrest them. They would call in the police if there were a serious disturbance."

Many small clubs are increasing the number of stewards, largely because of the cost of hiring policemen. However, last season Leicester City had one or two games when no officers were on duty.

The NCIS football unit is directly responsible to the Home Office and co-ordinates action against hooliganism. It also advises foreign police forces about the practices of troublemakers going abroad for internationals and major tournaments.

Lille Hammer lifts Cumani

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER suffering a string of agonising near-misses in Goodwood's big handicaps, Luca Cumani ended a long losing run yesterday when Lille Hammer obliged for the talented Newmarket trainer.

Cumani had been without a winner for 35 days before Lille Hammer wore down Solartica in the Seeboard Rated Handicap and afterwards he disclosed that his entire yard had been badly affected by a mystery illness.

"We had a major problem back in May," he said. "Some form of toxin affected the horses. They all fell apart completely and were seriously below par.

"Since the beginning of July they have started picking up again, but the looks have come back before the performance. I thought for a moment I was going to have another second."

Cumani thanked owners who had remained loyal during the barren spell. "All the tests we carried out on the horses were negative, and it was only by a process of elimination that we decided some contaminant had been in foodstuffs at some stage, which gave the horses some level of toxicity," he said.

Roger Charlton's Beckhampton string is firing on all cylinders just now and Western Cape, given a confident ride by Pat Eddery, continued the good run when taking the day's feature race, the Leslie and Godwin Spitfire Handicap.

Alan Munro, rider of the runner-up, Midnight Heights, received a four-day riding ban after stewards found him guilty of using his whip "with unreasonable force and frequency".

LINGFIELD PARK TOMORROW

THUNDERER

2.15 Lyn's Return. 2.40 Bewails. 3.05 Ballerina Bay. 3.30 Aberdeen Heather. 3.55 Lobilio. 4.20 Lucayan Treasure. 4.45 Dr Zeva.

GOING: GOOD (TURF): STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)

DRAW: 6F-7F TURF, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 7F ALL-WEATHER, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS CLAIMING HURDLE SKY
(All-weather: £2,802: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 5P4- CARFAX 36F (CD,G,S) R Hoad 8-11-9 ... M Hoad
2 110- LYN'S RETURN 10F (C,G) R Simpson 4-11-9 ... D Gallagher
3 340- YIMKIN BOOKRA 6F W Muir 5-11-6 ... M Richards
4 533- BEN ZABEEDY 62 (F) R Akehurst 8-11-3 ... G McCourt
5 3436- SAKIL 4F S Dow 5-11-3 ... A Dicken (5)
6 52P6- SAILOR BOY 90 (B,CD,G) A Reid 7-10-11 ... N Williamson
7 664- WINGCOMMANDER EATS 72 (C,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
8 3U5- MILLIE BELLE 62 (V,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-6 ... A Maguire

6-4 Lyn's Return, 7-2 Wingcommander Eats, 5-1 Ben Zabeedy, 6-1 Carfax, 8-1 Yimkin Bookra, 12-1 others.

2.40 EBF TULSA MAIDEN STAKES SKY
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £6,116: 6f) (12)

1 AVERTI W Muir 9-0 ... T Quinn 7
2 0 BILLY CRUNCHEON 32 R Simpson 9-0 ... A Tucker 10
3 BLAZING HONDA C Britain 9-0 ... B Marcus 4
4 00 BRAVE EDGE 36 R Hannon 9-0 ... W Carson 12
5 0 CRETAN GIFT 50 J Dunlop 9-0 ... M Hills 6
6 0 DRAGON BOLD 43 L Holt 9-0 ... A McGlone 2
7 FATALIST J Fanshawe 9-0 ... G Duffield 1
8 2 KIYAS 20 H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills 3
9 66 MIDSEAS 19 Miss J Doyle 9-0 ... J Williams 8
10 BEWAILS H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 11
11 60 CHINA ROBIN 39 P Walwyn 8-9 ... L Dettori 5
12 5 RICH MISS 17 Miss B Sanders 8-9 ... A Clark 9

2-1 Bewails, 4-1 Kiyas, 5-1 Blazing Honda, 8-1 Brave Edge, 10-1 Dragon Bold, 12-1 Averti, Cretan Gift, 14-1 Fatalist, 16-1 others.

3.05 CHARLIE CHESTER CLUB HANDICAP SKY
(Turf: £6,067: 7f 140yd) (13)

1 4211 TAHDID 19 (D,F) P Walwyn 3-9-10 ... W Carson 8
2 2443 MY BEST VALENTINE 22 (D,BF,F,G) P Hanc 3-9-6 ... F Norton 3
3 1022 AKKAZAO 25 (BF,F) T Mills 5-9-7 ... N Gwilliams (5) 1
4 0200 SALBUS 8 (G) S Dow 3-9-7 ... T Quinn 10
5 1022 FIELD OF VISION 3 (CD,F) M Johnston 3-9-6 ... T Williams 8
6 1304 BALLERINA BAY 6 (V,CD,F,G) D Thom 5-9-4 ... L Dettori 6
7 5005 AMADEUS AES 32 (D,F) D Morris 4-9-2 ... C Hodgson (5) 12
8 3105 SECOND CHANCE 3 (CD,F,G) P Mitchell 3-9-2 ... M Hills 7
9 0-00 BRAVEBOY 11 C Britain 5-8-13 ... B Marcus 2
10 2305 ANNABELLE ROYALE 4 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-11 ... B Adams 13
11 0350 LOUISVILLE BELLE 8 (D,G) M Usher 4-8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 4
12 012- POLEDEN 242 (D,G) R Spicer 3-8-7 ... G Duffield 5
13 0000 PRECIOUS WONDER 13 (D,S) P Butler 4-8-6 ... S Drowne (7) 11

7-2 Tahdid, 9-2 Akkazao, 5-1 Field Of Vision, 6-1 My Best Valentine, 8-1 Ballerina Bay, 10-1 Second Chance, 12-1 Annabelle Royale, 14-1 others.

3.30 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP SKY
(All-weather: £7,440: 1m 2f) (9)

1 0331 GILDERDALE 25 (CD,F,G) J Hills 11-10-0 ... M Hills 7
2 0600 ABERDEEN HEATHER 13 (CD,G) D Elsworth 3-9-12 ... J Williams 1
3 3101 SYLVAN SABRE 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) P Mitchell 4-9-7 ... L Dettori 6
4 0204 CHATHAM ISLAND 22 (CD,F,G) C Britain 5-9-3 ... B Marcus 5
5 3113 ONE OFF THE RAIL 15 (CD,BF,G) A Moore 3-9-1 ... B Rouse 4
6 5312 GOLDEN CHIP 9 (D,BF,F,G) A Stringer 5-9-0 ... G Duffield 9
7 3325 LOWAWATHA 93 (CD,G) D Morris 5-8-8 ... C Hodgson (5) 3
8 1254 SUPERTOP 11 (D,F,G) P Harris 5-8-8 ... D Harrison (3) 2
9 1002 MODESTO 23 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-7-10 ... N Carlisle 8

7-2 Golden Chip, 9-2 One Off The Rail, 5-1 Supertop, 6-1 Chatham Island, 8-1 Sylvan Sabre, Gilderdale, 10-1 Aberdeen Heather, 12-1 others.

3.55 SUNDAY EXPRESS HANDICAP SKY
(Turf: £4,935: 1m 3f 106yd) (7)

1 0014 LOBILIO 18 (V,D,F,G) C Brittain 4-9-13 ... B Marcus 4
2 800 MOSHAAJIR 76 C Smith 3-9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 5
3 0111 PISTOLS AT DAWN 6 (D,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-4 (5ex) ... L Dettori 1
4 4410 WARM SPELL 20 (G,S) R Simpson 3-9-3 ... B Rouse 7
5 1004 RAPPORTEUR 19 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 7-8-13 ... D Harrison (3) 6
6 600-0 OOZLEM 13 J Sutcliffe 4-8-10 ... A McGlone 3
7 1005 CORINTHIAN GOD 3 (F,G) D Wilson 4-7-7 ... J Quinn 2

7-4 Pistols At Dawn, 2-1 Lobilio, 5-1 Warm Spell, 8-1 Rapporteur, 12-1 others.

4.20 TOTE SUNDAY SELLING STAKES SKY
(All-weather: £4,854: 7f) (15)

1 5/6-6 CONE LANE 10 (D,F) B Gubby 7-9-10 ... B Russell (7) 9
2 0005 CONISTON LAKE 12 (D,F) G L Moore 4-9-10 ... B Rouse 4
3 0606 KISSAVOS 26 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 7-9-10 ... J Williams 3
4 0045 TYRIAN PURPLE 4 (D,F,G,S) T Naughton 5-9-10 ... A Garth (5) 1
5 -500 WILD AND LOOSE 113 (G) D Elsworth 5-9-10 ... Tracey Purseglove (7) 15
6 3504 FABA 13 (G) F O'Mahony 5-9-5 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 14
7 4041 LADY SABO 20 (F) R Spicer 4-9-5 ... D Harrison (3) 11
8 4134 DEVIOUS DANCER 10 (CD,G) W G M Turner 3-9-4 ... Stephen Davies (5) 10
9 0003 EXCESS BAGGAGE 6 (B,CD,BF,G) N Callaghan 3-9-4 ... W Ryan 5
10 2245 FAMILY ROSE 18 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-4 ... G Duffield 6
11 2001 LUCAYAN TREASURE 23 (V,C,G) D Laing 3-9-4 ... L Dettori 12
12 2565 PERSIAN GUSHER 23 (CD,G) S Dow 3-9-4 ... J Weaver (3) 2
13 3503 RED LEADER 10 (G,S) P Cole 3-9-4 ... T Quinn 7
14 0000 CAMINO A RONDA 10 Pat Mitchell 4-8-13 ... P McCabe (7) 13
15 0 QUE TEE AH 10 R Simpson 3-8-7 ... A Tucker 8

5-4 Lucayan Treasure, 4-1 Persian Gusher, 7-1 Devious Dancer, 8-1 Excess Baggage, 10-1 Kissavos, 12-1 Tyrian Purple, Lady Sabo, 16-1 others.

4.45 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP SKY
(All-weather: £3,882: 2m) (10)

1 -0143 FACT OR FICTION 23 (B,C,BF,F,G) Miss B Sanders 7-9-11 ... A Clark 3
2 00-2 JAWANI 23 (CD,F,G) J Scargill 5-9-8 ... J Quinn 6
3 6111 SUMMER WIND 15 (CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 3-9-6 ... A Procter (5) 1
4 3332 RECORD LOVER 8 (G) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-5 ... L Dettori 4
5 310- GHOSTLY GLOW 242 (F,G) C C Elsey 4-9-4 ... T Quinn 5
6 1521 WITH GUSTO 6 (C,G) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-13 (4ex) ... G Carter 8
7 2106 DR ZEVA 22 (CD,F,G) M Dixon 7-8-10 ... D Wright (5) 10
8 00/ BAHRAIN QUEEN 88J C Smith 5-8-9 ... K Rutter (5) 7
9 0600 MR WISHING WELL 10 (C,G,S) S Dow 7-8-2 ... J Weaver (3) 9
10 5604 RAGTIME SONG 18 (F) A Moore 4-7-11 ... N Adams 2

5-2 Summer Wind, 4-1 With Gusto, 6-1 Dr Zeva, 7-1 Fact Or Fiction, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 40 runners, 32.5%; J Hills, 5 from 22, 22.7%; P Cole, 19 from 88, 21.6%; N Callaghan, 7 from 36, 19.4%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Dunlop, 15 from 88, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 17 winners from 79 rides, 21.5%; W Carson, 24 from 112, 21.4%; M Hills, 14 from 68, 20.6%; R Hills, 10 from 56, 17.9%; T Quinn, 29 from 183, 15.8%; G Carter, 4 from 36, 11.1%.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

☐ Thunderer landed a good-priced nap with Lille Hammer (9-1) at Goodwood yesterday.

Goodwood

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

2.30 (5f) 1, RISKY (W R Swinburn, 4-9 fav); 2, Imperial Bailiwick (J Williams, 40-1); 3, Isabella Sharp (M Hills, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Moscow Road (4th), 8 Sweet Temptation (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, ¾l, 4l, 2½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £3.40. DF: £9.50. CSF: £11.29. 1min 0.77sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, WESTERN CAPE (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 2, Midnight Heights (A Munro, 14-1); 3, Al Senafi (R Cochrane, 12-1); 4, Bashayer (W Carson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Teshami (5th), 9 Gone Troppo, Barboukh (6th), 12 Midyan Blue, 14 Brigante Di Cielo, 16 Ajdayt, Duveen, 20 Rapid Success, Lyford Cay, Bobbie Dee, Storm Venture, 25 Wali, Dutosky, 50 Sharnisen. 18 ran. NR: Brandonhurst. Nk, 1l, ¾l, ½l, 1l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £14.80; £3.40, £3.70, £3.20, £4.40. DF: £192.80. Trio: £1,190.00. CSF: £176.67. Tricast: £2,197.16. 2min 13.82sec.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, USAIDIT (J Reid, 7-1); 2, Muhayaa (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 3, Source Of Light (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Turgenev, 8 Half A Tick (6th), 12 Duke Of Eurolink (5th), Night Clubbing, Welsh Mill, 16 Caspian Tern, 20 Anna Of Saxony (4th), Castoret, 33 Anchorite. 12 ran. NR: Glide Path. 1l, 1½l, ½l, ¾l, hd. T Mills at Epsom. Tote: £8.10; £2.20, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £23.60. Trio: £17.30. CSF: £42.58. Tricast: £129.03. 2min 42.30sec.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, LILLE HAMMER (R Cochrane, 9-1; Thunderer's nap); 2, Solartica (L Dettori, 15-2); 3, My Patriarch (W Carson, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Alinova (5th), 7 Shynon (4th), 11 Blue Blazer, 12 Seasonal Splendour, 14 Hill Of Dreams, Tasset, 20 Comme O'Habitude (6th), 50 Forever Shineing, Phrase. 12 ran. 2l, 3l, 5l, 2½l, ¾l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £11.20; £2.50, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £39.00. Trio: £85.00. CSF: £63.10. Tricast: £484.88. 3min 9.14sec.

4.45 (7f) 1, ESCARPMENT (J Reid, 3-1); 2, Wishing (W R Swinburn, 12-1); 3, Sewlajan (W Carson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Wild Invader (6th), 8 Star Castle (4th), 20 Princely Gait, 25 Hadi, Nothing To Wear, 33 Brave Patriarch, Village Eagle, 50 Plunder Bay (5th), 66 Beyond The Stars. 12 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 3l, 4l, 3l. P Chapple-Hyam at Marlborough. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £30.00. Trio: £60.90. CSF: £34.71. 1min 31.74sec.

5.20 (5f) 1, BODARI (D Holland, 11-4); 2, Aughfad (J Reid, 5-2 fav); 3, Born To Be (D Harrison, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Never In The Red (4th), 4 Balgay (5th). 5 ran. Nk, sh hd, 3½l, 5l. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £9.13. 1min 1.75sec.

5.50 (7f) 1, DUCKEY FUZZ (D Wright, 3-1); 2, Nooby Barnes (F Norton, 9-4 fav); 3, Silky Siren (D Harrison, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Corals Dream (5th), 6 Claybank (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 3l, sh hd, 7l. R Flower at Jevington. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.19. 1min 32.54sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £18,272.01 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £364.00.

Thirsk

Going: firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Ooh Ah Cantona (A Culhane, 7-2); 2, Celestial Rumour (5-2); 3, Bogolly (12-1). Dem-Pie 2-1 fav. 11 ran. 6l, 2l. R Whitaker. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £1.20, £3.60. DF: £8.10. CSF: £12.52.

2.50 (6f) 1, Close To Reality (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, My Lifetime Lady (7-1); 3, Claret Bumble (9-4 fav). 11 ran. Nk, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £10.70; £2.60, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £21.00. Trio: £9.60. CSF: £58.31. Tricast: £153.31.

3.25 (6f) 1, Finjan (J Weaver, 16-1); 2, Stades Hill (4-1 j-fav); 3, Simmie's Special (3-1). Master Pokey 4-1 j-fav. 10 ran. 1l, ½l. M Wane. Tote: £22.00; £4.70, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £90.30. Trio: £321.60. CSF: £73.58. Tricast: £565.19.

3.55 (7f) 1, City Rocket (B Raymond, 3-1); 2, Green Kit (4-11 fav); 3, Bold Line (12-1). 3 ran. 4l, 7l. P Makin. Tote: £4.00. DF: £1.50. CSF: £4.29.

4.25 (1m 4f) 1, Super Blues (W Newnes, 100-30); 2, Arctic Guest (11-8 fav); 3, Kincheryunga (5-1). 4 ran. NR: Kahlo. 3½l, 12l. T Barron. Tote: £3.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.65.

4.55 (1m) 1, Royal Roller (G Forster, 5-1); 2, Albert (15-1); 3, Simply Superb (20-1). Jomove 85-40 fav. 8 ran. 3l, sh hd. P McBride. Tote: £9.30; £1.60, £1.90, £5.10. DF: £45.10. CSF: £47.10. Tricast: £831.62.

Placepot: £2,631.20.

Bangor

Going: good to firm

3.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Little Big (A Flannigan, 11-2); 2, Nouvelle Cuisine (7-4 fav); 3, Panathinaikos (25-1). 8 ran. 15l, 4l. C Broad. Tote: £6.60; £1.10, £1.50, £3.80. DF: £4.30. CSF: £14.58. Tricast: £195.40.

4.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Moymet (G McCourt, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Alicante (14-1); 3, Kinlet Vision (16-1). Gin And Orange 7-2 jt-fav. 11 ran. 8l, 3½l. K Burke. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £2.00, £2.20. DF: £31.90. CSF: £44.59.

4.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, OK Corral (A Maguire, 5-6 fav); 2, Emrys (5-1); 3, Kirsty's Boy (4-1). 7 ran. 6l, 25l. J White. Tote: £1.60; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.21.

5.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mr Genealogy (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2, Kesanta (7-1); 3, Astrac Trio (7-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 10l. J White. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.54.

5.35 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Castle Diamond (J A Harris, 3-1); 2, Salman (11-4); 3, Al Peace (9-4 fav). 7 ran. 2½l, 6l. H Kavanagh. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £4.80. CSF: £11.39.

6.05 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Jalore (R Greene, 3-1); 2, Quiet Riot (5-2 fav); 3, Run Milady (9-2). 9 ran. 3l, 8l. S Coathup. Tote: £5.00; £1.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.51.

Placepot: £14.60.

Thursday's late results

Hamilton Park

Going: good to firm

6.30 (1m 1f 36yd) 1†, Bold Melody (J Weaver, 5-1); 1†, Northern Rainbow (Dale Gibson, 7-4 fav); 3, Lazy Rhythm (25-1). 6 ran. Dd-ht, 8l. P Haslam, I Campbell. Tote: Bold Melody £3.10, Northern Rainbow £1.60; Bold Melody £4.50, Northern Rainbow £1.70. DF: £6.30. CSF: Bold Melody, Northern Rainbow £8.43, Northern Rainbow, Bold Melody £4.72.

7.00 (1m 65yd) 1, Talented Ting (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, No Comebacks (6-1); 3, Bidweaya (3-1). Fletcher's Bounty 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 8l, 3½l. P Haslam. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £18.70. CSF: £48.68. Tricast: £158.19.

7.30 (6f 5yd) 1, Beneficiary (K Fallon, 5-2); 2, Hickleton Lady (7-4 fav); 3, Henry The Hawk (5-1). 6 ran. 1l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.90.

8.00 (6f 5yd) 1, Peaceful Reply (S Perks, 8-1); 2, Sweet Romeo (11-8 fav); 3, Birchwood Sun (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Hello Hobson's, Principal Player. 1½l, 1½l. F Lee. Tote: £15.30; £3.90, £1.80. DF: £10.30. CSF: £19.19. Tricast: £85.00.

8.30 (5f 4yd) 1, Pageboy (C Adamson, 9-2); 2, Pallium (10-1); 3, Meeson Times (4-1 fav). 8 ran. ½l, ½l. P Haslam. Tote: £5.00; £2.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £15.80. CSF: £35.61. Tricast: £129.07. Ayr Reader (9-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

9.00 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Sunderland Echo (K Darley, 1-5 fav); 2, Aegean Lady (4-1). 2 ran. NR: Legion Of Honour. 1l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.20.

Placepot: £36.40.

Salisbury

Going: good

6.15 (1m 4f) 1, Alkhafji (W Ryan, 4-5 fav); 2, Bag Of Tricks (6-1); 3, Lambast (7-2). 13 ran. NR: El Grando. 4l, 2½l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £8.80. CSF: £8.26.

6.45 (1m) 1, Stay With Me Baby (A Procter, 14-1); 2, Secret Assignment (10-1); 3, My Minnie (4-1). Sea Siren 7-2 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 5l. D Elsworth. Tote: £13.80; £2.90, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £63.00. Trio: £145.80. CSF: £140.29. Tricast: £612.31.

7.15 (6f) 1, Western Valley (B Doyle, 33-1); 2, Princely Favour (2-1 fav); 3, Princess Oberon (11-4). 13 ran. NR: Ivory Hutch. ¾l, 1½l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £43.80; £8.30, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £63.80. CSF: £95.21.

7.45 (6f 212yd) 1, Neither Nor (G Carter, 6-1); 2, Newington Butts (10-1); 3, Teanarco (5-2 fav). 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. D Wilson. Tote: £8.30; £3.70, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £50.70. Trio: £19.80. CSF: £68.63. Tricast: £177.11.

8.15 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Prince Of Andros (L Dettori, 9-1); 2, River Boyne (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Rockawhile (8-1). Afjan 7-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l. D Loder. Tote: £9.30; £2.00, £1.30, £2.40. DF: £8.70. CSF: £24.37.

8.45 (1m 4f) 1, Supreme Master (L Dettori, 5-2 fav); 2, Rocquaine Bay (14-1); 3, Acrobate (3-1). 14 ran. ¾l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £22.50. CSF: £38.36. Tricast: £106.68.

Placepot: £91.70.

BANGOR

THUNDERER

2.25 Touching Star. 2.55 Bondaid. 3.30 Norstock. 4.05 Miss Equilia. 4.35 The Executor. 5.05 Scotoni.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 DIMPLEX CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,117: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1 113- SKIPPING TIM 61 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 PP0- KARAKTER REFERENCE 70 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 11-11-7 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
3 408/ ABBREVIATION 823 (F,G) R Curtis 10-10-8 ... D Morris
4 222- TOUCHING STAR 61 (B,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-1 ... M Hourigan (3)
5 4/4- SAILOR'S DELIGHT 283 (F) Mrs P Joynes 9-10-1 ... C Llewellyn
6 15P- OWEN 78 (D,F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-0 ... B Powell
7 203- THEY ALL FORGOT ME 64 (F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 ... A Maguire
8 630- BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 72 (B,F) A Cottrell 7-10-0 ... J Kavanagh

5-2 Skipping Tim, 3-1 They All Forgot Me, 4-1 Touching Star, 11-2 Karakter Reference, 7-1 Owen, 10-1 Sailor's Delight, 14-1 others.

2.55 DIMPLEX COMFORT CONTROL (TM) SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,889: 2m 1f) (10)

1 712- AMBASSADOR ROYALE 39F (B,F,G) M Williams 5-11-10 ... N Mann
2 233/ BONDAID 5F (D,BF,F,G) J White 9-11-0 ... A Maguire
3 /P6- LOCH DUICH 24F (D,BF,G) B Hodges 7-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
4 P00- SEE NOW 12F (CD,F,S) Mrs A Knight 8-10-2 ... S McNeill
5 RFU/ DANNY'S LUCK 795 (CD,F,G) B Scriven 11-10-1 ... Mr Richard White (7)
6 36F- STAPLEFORD LADY 89 R Manning 5-10-1 ... B Powell
7 PF4/ BLUE AEROPLANE 19F (V) P Nicholls 5-10-0 ... C Maude
8 6FF- KATHY FAIR 57 R Baker 4-10-0 ... L Harvey
9 350- DISTANT MEMORY 261 P Hobbs 4-10-0 ... N Parker (7)
10 0P0- DOTS DEE 12F J Bradley 4-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)

9-4 Bondaid, 3-1 Ambassador Royale, 5-1 Blue Aeroplane, 11-2 Stapleford Lady, 8-1 Distant Memory, Loch Duich, 12-1 See Now, 16-1 Kathy Fair, 20-1 others.

3.30 DIMPLEX OPTIFLAME (TM) NOVICES CHASE
(£2,684: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 000/ ASSEMBLY DANCER 35F D Williams 6-11-3 ... R Davis (5)
2 P/1- CARELESS LAD 354 (F) J Joseph 7-11-3 ... D Skyrme
3 00P- IRISH GOSSIP 60 Miss S Barkley 7-11-3 ... B Powell
4 400- PAPPA DONT PREACH 84 J Upson 5-11-0 ... R Supple
5 432- GILSTON LASS 61 J King 6-10-12 ... J Kavanagh
6 022- NORSTOCK 42F (F,G,S) J White 6-10-12 ... A Maguire

13-8 Norstock, 11-4 Gilston Lass, 100-30 Careless Lad, 4-1 Pappa Dont Preach, 10-1 Assembly Dancer, 12-1 Irish Gossip.

4.05 DIMPLEX TWIN SENSOR (TM) CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,093: 2m 1f) (9)

1 /06- ZAMANAYN 8F J Upson 5-11-12 ... R Supple
2 510- MASTER REACH 29F (B,D,F) Miss K Allison 4-11-9 ... J McCarthy (5)
3 U30- SAFETY 57 (B,CD,F,S) J White 6-11-6 ... D Skyrme
4 222- MISS EQUILIA 57 (CD,G) M Pipe 7-11-1 ... R Dunwoody
5 448- PLAY THE BLUES 92 (D,F) R Frost 6-11-1 ... J Frost
6 0PP- WREITS 36F (B) Mrs P Joynes 4-11-0 ... Mr S Joynes (7)
7 0P0/ YOUNG JAMES 24F R Baker 5-11-0 ... L Harvey
8 003- STAR MOVER 116 W G M Turner 4-10-9 ... G Upton
9 6P3- LITMORE DANCER 67F J Bradley 5-10-6 ... R Farrant (5)

4-5 Miss Equilia, 5-1 Safety, 6-1 Zamanayn, 8-1 Litmore Dancer, Master Reach, 10-1 Star Mover, 16-1 Play The Blues, 20-1 others.

4.35 DIMPLEX WHISPERHEAT (TM) JUVENILE HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,830: 2m 1f) (9)

1 CALIBRATE 12F B Meehan 10-12 ... B Powell
2 DODGAREY 15F J White 10-12 ... P McLoughlin (7)
3 IRISH DOMINION 28F D R Tucker 10-12 ... N Hawke
4 NOMADIC FIRE 8F D Wintle 10-12 ... R Davis (5)
5 STAR MARKET Mrs P Joynes 10-12 ... W McFarland
6 THE EXECUTOR 12F M Pipe 10-12 ... R Dunwoody
7 ANNIE ROSE 51F (B) R Frost 10-7 ... J Frost
8 APACHEE FLOWER 40F H Howe 10-7 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
9 FLYING AMY 29F W G M Turner 10-7 ... G Upton

4-7 The Executor, 6-1 Annie Rose, Dodgarey, 8-1 Star Market, 10-1 Calibrate, 16-1 Irish Dominion, Nomadic Fire, 20-1 others.

5.05 DIMPLEX HEAT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,528: 2m 6f) (5)

1 860- MIDFIELDER 100 (F,S) P Hobbs 7-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs
2 123- SCOTONI 116F (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 7-11-6 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
3 414- WINDSOR PARK 308 (C,F) K Bridgwater 7-10-9 ... V Slattery (3)
4 0P6- CARPET CAPERS 61 (F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-10-0 ... A Maguire
5 00F- NUNS JEWEL 81 (F,G) J Bradley 7-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)

7-4 Scotoni, 5-2 Windsor Park, 3-1 Midfielder, 6-1 Carpet Capers, 7-1 Nuns Jewel.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R O'Sullivan, 6 winners from 13 runners, 46.2%; M Pipe, 94 from 302, 31.1%; R Curtis, 3 from 11, 27.3%; P Hobbs, 23 from 94, 24.5%; P Nicholls, 4 from 22, 18.6%; J White, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Sullivan, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; J Kavanagh, 5 from 18, 27.8%; C Llewellyn, 9 from 40, 22.5%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 66, 21.2%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 81, 19.8%; N Mann, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

6.15 Palacegate Sunset. 6.45 Scottish Park. 7.15 Counterbid. 7.45 Who's Tef. 8.15. Mr-Paw. 8.45 Puritan.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.15 SPORT FOR THE DISABLED JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE
(£1,674: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 030- CYRILL HENRY 43F M Dods 4-11-7 ... A Merrigan
2 MANULEADER 30F J Norton 4-11-7 ... W Fry (7)
3 REACH FOR GLORY 23F R Whitaker 4-11-7 ... C Grant
4 06- RESTLESS MINSTREL 10F J Banks 4-11-7 ... S Keightley
5 44- SUNTAN 14F R O'Leary 4-11-7 ... L Wyer
6 P- ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 7F B McMahon 4-11-2 ... T Wall
7 0- BATTUTA 10F G Oldroyd 4-11-2 ... P Midgley (5)
8 PALACEGATE SUNSET 8F J Berry 3-10-5 ... M Moloney
9 RUANO 26F S Woods 3-10-5 ... A Carroll
10 CHAJOTHELYTBRIGADE 84F M Avison 3-10-0 ... R Garritty

6-4 Palacegate Sunset, 7-2 Reach For Glory, 6-1 Battuta, 8-1 Cyrill Henry, 12-1 Suntan, 14-1 others.

6.45 LOUTH RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,136: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 0/ GOLDSMITH 654 Mrs S Smith 5-11-12 ... D Towler (7)
2 /05- TROOPER THORN 61 S Pittendrigh 9-11-12 ... Mr A Thornton (3)
3 0- VAL DE RAMA 245 Denys Smith 4-11-9 ... P Waggott (5)
4 WELL APPOINTED 12F A Hambly 4-11-9 ... A S Smith
5 02- YAAKUM 19F J Banks 4-11-9 ... S Keightley
6 206- SAFARI PARK 85F B Rothwell 4-11-4 ... L Wyer
7 SCOTTISH PARK 14F M Hammond 4-11-4 ... C Grant
8 ON GOLDEN POND 24F G Moore 3-10-0 ... N Bentley (5)

5-2 Well Appointed, 7-2 On Golden Pond, 4-1 Yaakum, 9-2 Scottish Park, 10-1 Safari Park, 12-1 others.

7.15 LOUTH RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,654: 2m 4f) (9)

1 46P- CAREFREE TIMES 86 (V) J Norton 6-11-4 ... A Mulholland
2 242- COUNTERBID 84 (V,F,G) J Edwards 6-11-4 ... N Williamson
3 650- EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 63 Mrs S Lamyman 10-11-4 ... D Telfer
4 042- HELMAR 56 (S) F Jordan 7-11-4 ... C Grant
5 385- KILDOWNEY HILL 264 J J O'Neill 7-11-4 ... M Dwyer
6 3P3- SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 59 (D,F,S) T Bill 10-11-4 ... J Railton
7 060- WEE WILLIE DICKINS 178 J Harris 6-11-4 ... J A Harris
8 534- MISHIGNA 98 (C,F,S) M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer
9 424- SIGNOR SASSIE 61F (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-11-0 ... G McCourt

3-1 Counterbid, 4-1 Mishigna, 5-1 Solicitor's Choice, 6-1 Kildowney Hill, 8-1 Helmar, Signor Sassie, 10-1 others.

7.45 ROTARY CLUB OF MARKET RASEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,407: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 113- WHO'S TEF 8F (CD,BF,F) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ... L Wyer
2 2/6- LAMBSON 45F (G) R Whitaker 6-10-4 ... S Wynne (5)
3 032- SAINT BENE'T 57 (F) K Wingrove 5-10-3 ... J Ryan
4 050- KRONPRINZ 7F (CD,G) M Chapman 5-10-1 ... W Worthington
5 665- ULLSWATER 136 (CD,F,S) A Reid 7-10-0 ... N Williamson
6 0P5/ COLORADO INSIGHT 70F (CD,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-0 ... C Woodall (7)
7 614/ PHALAROPE 516 (G) G Bosman 5-10-0 ... Mr A Walton

7-4 Who's Tef, 5-2 Saint Bene't, 4-1 Ullswater, 6-1 Lambson, 7-1 Phalarope, 8-1 Kronprinz, 10-1 Colorado Insight.

8.15 LOUTH RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,470: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 111- DRUMSTICK 57 (CD,F,S) K Bailey 7-12-0 ... N Williamson
2 226- CROSS CANNON 37 (G) J Hellens 7-11-13 ... A Larnach (3)
3 0F0- MIAMI BEAR 142 (G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-12 ... Gary Lyons
4 /26- ENSHARP 63 (F) S Gollings 7-10-11 ... M Brennan
5 016- RUPPLES 7F (CD,F,G) M Chapman 6-10-2 ... W Worthington
6 P31- MR-PAW 56 (CD,F) F Murphy 10-10-0 ... B Murphy
7 443- MARKET LEADER 81 (CD,F,G) R Lee 13-10-0 ... R Greene (3)
8 040/ STORMGUARD 826 (F) A Forbes 10-10-0 ... T Eley (5)
9 P/0- NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 56 (C,F,G,S) T Kersey 12-10-0 ... J Callaghan

2-1 Drumstick, 3-1 Mr-Paw, 9-2 Market Leader, 6-1 Cross Cannon, 10-1 Ensharp, Rupples, 14-1 others.

8.45 RIDING FOR THE DISABLED NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,010: 2m 5f 110yd) (3)

1 05P- MERCERS MAGIC 9F K Wingrove 5-11-0 ... J Ryan
2 208- WAYWARD EDWARD 83 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-0 ... D Telfer
3 3- PURITAN 10F N Tinkler 4-10-11 ... G McCourt

1-3 Puritan, 4-1 Mercers Magic, 6-1 Wayward Edward.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 20 winners from 60 runners, 33.3%; K Bailey, 5 from 16, 31.3%; N Tinkler, 21 from 70, 30.0%; R Lee, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Moore, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Edwards, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

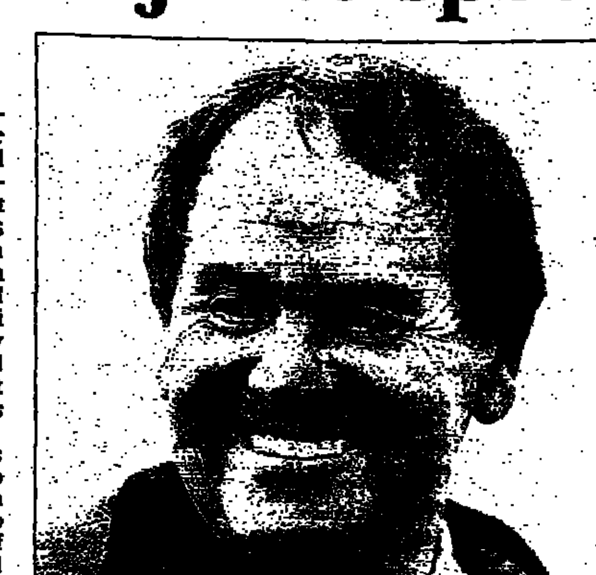
JOCKEYS: Mr A Thornton, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; G McCourt, 24 from 76, 31.6%; C Grant, 14 from 56, 25.0%; J Ryan, 6 from 24, 25.0%; L Wyer, 15 from 62, 24.2%; M Dwyer, 15 from 69, 21.7%.

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High-drawn horses may have edge in big sprint

Arabellajill to speed home

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



Treble chance: Hannon after third Cup victory in four years

ARABELLAJILL has everything in her favour as she attempts to provide Richard Hannon with his third Stewards' Cup triumph in the past four years at Goodwood this afternoon. The champion trainer's horses have been in cracking form all week and the booking of Frankie Dettori catches the eye for the filly who finished a good third behind Nagida on her last run, in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Those positive pointers alone would be sufficient to persuade many to side with Arabellajill as she attempts to emulate the stable successes of Knight Of Mercy in 1990 and Notley a year later.

However, having trawled through last year's form book in an attempt to analyse the effect of the draw for Goodwood's six-furlong course, I believe there is an even stronger case to be made out for the Hannon filly.

In double figure-sized fields, horses drawn high have had an enormous advantage. Winners' stall numbers and size of field were: 13 from 19, 11 from 11, 16 from 19, 16 from 16, 13 from 15, 20 from 21, 10 from 11, five from 30, and ten from 12. Arabellajill is drawn 29 of 30.

The lone low drawn winner was Lochsong in the Stewards' Cup but, as her subsequent string of successes proved, she was thrown in off eight stone and would have won if she had started in Chichester High Street. During the past ten years, the exceptional, Soba, was the only other winner drawn close to the stands' side.

Leaving the aside the influence of the draw, Arabellajill boasts among the best form in the race and is 7lb better off for a length with Nagida, who is drawn one.

She has proven form on soft ground, while there is a doubt about the ability of the well-backed Ballasecret and Castlerea Lad to be so effective on the prevailing going.

Gorinsky, drawn close to the selection, is at the top of his form and should go well, while the Ron Hodges-trained pair, Ashtina and How's Yer Father, look favourably treated.

The Vodafone Nassau Stakes has favoured the classic generation since the race was opened up to older fillies and mares in 1975.

Sueboog's fourth behind Intrepidity in the Oaks at Epsom is arguably the best form but, with Clive Brittain's string still to find top form, Thawakib, the Ribblesdale Stakes winner, and **Dancing Bloom** make more appeal.

The lightly-raced Dancing Bloom arguably has more scope for improvement and, being by Sadler's Wells, should not be inconvenienced by the ground.

Imaginary can continue Henry Cecil's winning run by beating Gabr in the opening Vodapage Conditions Stakes.

Jack Berry has complained vociferously in the past that his two-year-olds are unfairly treated in nurseries but he should be delighted with the weight to be carried by **Bella Parkes** in the valuable Colman's of Norwich Stakes at Newmarket and she can follow up two impressive successes.

The James Fanshawe-trained **Misbelief** is taken to return to winning form half-an-hour later in the Ladbroke Handicap.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.10: Imaginary appeared not to stay when third at Newmarket recently, and should be better served by today's shorter trip. However, her form does not match that of Gabr, who failed to catch Thourios by half-a-length at Newbury.

2.40: Dancing Bloom put up a fine effort on her reappearance when runner-up to Niche on unsuitably fast ground at Newmarket. Ribblesdale Stakes winner, Thawakib, rates the main danger.

3.15: There should be plenty of pace up the centre of the track, with Ashtina and Ballasecret both front-runners. That should help How's Yer Father, who runs off the same mark as when winning over course and distance last month and will relish the cut in the ground.

NEWMARKET
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3.20: Owington has reportedly worked well enough to continue Geoff Wragg's good run with his juveniles. Forest Gazelle and Million Lights may fill the places.

3.50: Kassbaan, caught close home at Ascot, can go one better if held up for a late run. Prairie Grove has been unlucky in running on his last two starts, but may need some cut in the ground to show his best.

4.20: Prince Azzaan was impressive when winning at Folkestone, but this is a more competitive race. **Hever Golf Rose** may have been let in lightly on her handicap debut, and can hold off Tutu Sixtysix, who failed to handle the soft ground at Windsor.

4.50: Sculler stayed on strongly to win at Epsom last month, and should appreciate today's stiffer track. With James Fanshawe's string hitting top form, Misbelief can chase the selection home.

ROBERT WRIGHT

Nap: ARABELLAJILL (3.15 Goodwood)
Next best: Misbelief (4.50 Newmarket)

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THUNDERER
2.20 Knayton Lass. 2.50 Beats Working. 3.25 Brisas. 4.00 Shadows Of Silver. 4.30 Pride Of Pendle. 5.00 Storm Canyon. 5.30 Kennedys Prima.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST.

2.20 TOPCLIFFE CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,266: 6f) (5 runners)
1 1 KNAYTON LASS 29 (F) M W Easterby 8-13 T Lucas 3
2 41 PROMISE FULFILLED 16 (D,S) S Norton 8-13 O Pears (5) 4
3 10 SMART PET 21 (F) Miss S Hall 8-13 N Connorton 2
4 2220 INDIAHRA 10 (BF) R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 1
5 14 PLAINSONG 21 (G) Denys Smith 8-11 K Fallon 5
Evens Knayton Lass, 2-1 Plainsong, 4-7 Promise Fulfilled, 16-1 Indiahra, 20-1 Smart Pet.

2.50 EBF SUTTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,270: 5f) (13)
1 04 BALI WARRIOR 7 M Bell 9-0 N Connorton 10
2 4 BEATS WORKING 8 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 13
3 532 GENERAL GUBBINS 14 J Hetherton 9-0 O Pears (5) 4
4 0 HILL REEF 14 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 D Thomas (7) 11
5 00 HONG KONG FUTURE 16 B Beasley 9-0 S D Williams (3) 3
6 K-REG T Barron 9-0 J Fanning 12
7 2500 MARCH OF TIME 14 (B) D Thom 9-0 A McGlone 7
8 226 PALACEGATE JACK 54 (BF) J Berry 9-0 J Fortune 1
9 0 AJNAS 60 H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 6
10 430 BOLLIN MARY 47 M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 5
11 63 DOMINO QUEEN 14 J Payne 8-9 N Day 8
12 040 MERISSA 10 M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 2
13 MILLIE'S DREAM F Lee 8-9 S Perks 8
7-4 General Gubbins, 3-1 Palacegate Jack, 11-2 Bali Warrior, 13-2 Beats Working, 8-1 Domino Queen, 12-1 March Of Time, 14-1 others.

3.25 COOPERS & LYBRAND SELLING HANDICAP
(£3,125: 6f) (18)
1 0045 SUMMER EXPRESS 14 (D,G) J Spearing 4-11-7 Miss C Spearing (7) 15
2 6004 ASTERIX 5 (D,F) J Bradley 5-11-4 Mrs D McHale (5) 15
3 860 JACK GRAY 14 J Spearing 5-11-4 Mrs S Bosley (5) 13
4 6440 BARBEZIEUX 2 (F,G,S) M Dods 6-11-3 Mrs C Dods (7) 10
5 2403 SULLY'S CHOICE 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 12-11-2 Miss R Clark (7) 9
6 2333 MISSED THE BOAT 14 (B) T Barron 3-11-1 Miss F Barton (7) 11
7 3600 DEAD CALM 8 (V,D,S) C Tinkler 3-11-1 Mrs J Crossley 8
8 4222 MANX MONARCH 3 K Hogg 3-11-0 Miss T Spearing (5) 4
9 0-00 CUDDLY DATE 16 (B) D Thom 3-10-13 Miss Diana Jones 1
10 0009 MISS EL ARAB 8 (F,G) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-13 Miss A Deniel (5) 2
11 4600 VIKING WATERS 15 B Beasley 3-10-8 Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 3
12 5004 PAULINUS 8 Denys Smith 5-10-2 Mrs M Carson (7) 7
13 0040 BRISAS 11 (V,C,D,F,G) T Fairhurst 5-10-2 Miss D J Jones (5) 14
14 5000 BRAVE MELODY 11 (G,S) J Wilson 7-9-11 Miss J Bond (7) 5
15 5600 GRUBBY 7 (B) R Hollinshead 4-9-11 Mrs G Rees 12
16 0000 NOT ALL BLISS 11 G Kelly 5-9-9 Miss A Armitage (7) 17
17 0000 SUPREME OPTIMIST 32 (B,D,G,S) R Peacock 9-9-5 Mrs C Peacock (7) 18
18 0006 KICK ON MAJESTIC 6 (B,C,F,S) N Bycroft 4-9-5 Miss A Bycroft (7) 6
5-1 Barbezieux, 6-1 Paulinus, 8-1 Dead Calm, Sully's Choice, 10-1 Missed The Boat, Viking Waters, 12-1 Manx Monarch, 14-1 Brisas, Grubby, 16-1 others.

4.00 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP
(£4,386: 1m 4f) (7)
1 2502 SHADOWS OF SILVER 29 (D,F) B McMahon 5-10-0 M Birch 3
2 3203 FIRST BID 59 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 8-8-12 A Culhane 2
3 0-01 CARROLLS MARC 17 (D,G) P Haslam 5-8-7 C Adamson (7) 6
4 2550 KINOKO 14 (D,G,S) K Hogg 5-8-4 A Garth (5) 4
5 4312 SALU 8 (CD,F,G,S) J Etherington 4-8-1 S Maloney (3) 7
6 05321 PERSIAN SOLDIER 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-8 J Fanning 1
7 5060 DOCTOR ROY 7 (F) N Bycroft 5-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 5
9-4 Persian Soldier, 3-1 Kinoko, 5-1 Salu, 13-2 First Bid, 8-1 Doctor Roy, Shadows Of Silver, 10-1 Carrolls Marc.

4.30 SILVER CROSS HANDICAP (£4,581: 1m) (13)
1 6011 THORNTON GATE 8 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-9-10 S Maloney (3) 9
2 2532 CAUSLEY 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-9 M Birch 10
3 5662 SAVAHRA SOUND 5 (F,G,S) S Bowring 8-9-4 N Day 13
4 5406 BLOW DRY 12 (G) J Hanson 3-9-4 S Perks 6
5 3301 MCA BELOW THE LINE 18 (V,F,G,S) W Barker 5-9-1 S Webster 2
6 611- BOLDVILLE BASH 299 (D,G,S) T Barron 3-9-1 V Halliday (7) 1
7 1212 PRIDE OF PENDLE 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Calver 4-9-0 G Hind 4
8 0000 COSTA VERDE 33 (G) K Hogg 3-8-12 A Garth (5) 12
9 0023 CELESTINE 11 (V,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 4-8-9 J Fanning 3
10 0000 GANT BLEU 5 (C,D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 8-8-7 A Culhane 7
11 1221 SOOTY TERN 7 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-5 Mark Denaro (7) 11
12 0665 DREAM CARRIER 7 (F,G) T Barron 5-8-2 Kimberley Hart 8
13 6000 CRAIGIE BOY 14 N Bycroft 3-7-9 S Wood 5
4-1 Thornton Gate, 5-1 Boldville Bash, 6-1 Causley, Pride Of Pendle, 8-1 Blow Dry, MCA Below The Line, Savahra Sound, Sooty Tern, 10-1 others.

5.00 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,699: 1m) (7)
1 0/ RICHER SPIRIT 877 B Beasley 4-9-0 S D Williams (3) 6
2 0/0- WAWEEWAWOO 352 D Moffatt 5-9-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 5
3 4432 EL GAHAR 35 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-11 A McGlone 3
4 22- STORM CANYON 287 J Gosden 3-8-11 G Hind 1
5 0-5 ANNYBAN 21 R Hollinshead 3-8-6 S Perks 2
6 PROMITTO B McMahon 3-8-6 J Fortune 4
7 06 SHERGRESS 35 A Hide 3-8-6 K Fallon 7
4-5 Storm Canyon, 6-4 El Gahar, 12-1 Annyban, 14-1 Shergress, 16-1 Promitto, 33-1 others.

5.30 DIRECTORS TROPHY MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,976: 6f) (9)
1 4-00 KENNEDYS PRIMA 10 A Scott 3-10-0 J Fortune 8
2 4694 SUPREME BOY 28 P Harris 4-9-8 G Hind 1
3 0336 NOBLE MEASURE 7 (B) S Bowring 3-8-13 B Strange (7) 6
4 5020 HALL BANK COTTAGE 10 (B,BF) M Johnston 3-8-12 T Williams 4
5 0002 BLAKES BEAU 14 (B,BF) M H Easterby 3-8-11 M Birch 2
6 0504 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 14 (V) R Peacock 4-8-6 K Fallon 5
7 4665 SILVER STONE BOY 10 (V) M Camacho 5-8-4 S Webster 7
8 0000 PRETTY CHIC 15 D Chapman 4-8-2 N Connorton 3
9 0063 SHOTLEY AGAIN 8 N Bycroft 3-7-10 J Fanning 9
2-1 Christian Warrior, 3-1 Supreme Boy, 4-1 Shotley Again, 5-1 Blakes Beau, 8-1 Hall Bank Cottage, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 10 winners from 29 runners, 34.5%; H Thomson Jones, 6 from 24, 25.0%; A Scott, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Johnston, 9 from 48, 18.8%; B Beasley, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Camacho, 4 from 25, 16.0%.
JOCKEYS: R Hills, 13 winners from 45 rides, 28.9%; O Pears, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Birch, 27 from 171, 15.8%; S Perks, 8 from 57, 14.0%; A McGlone, 3 from 22, 13.6%; S Wood, 9 from 70, 12.9%.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.00 Don't Give Up. 6.30 Peto. 7.00 Mandeville George. 7.30 Mahrajan. 8.00 The Ordinary Girl. 8.30 Tochar Ban.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.30 Winter Forest.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 FOSTERS SELLING HANDICAP
(£1,954: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)
1 0323 WAAZA 11 (B) Miss L Siddall 4-9-13 D Harrison (3) 7
2 800 DEVONIAN 33 Miss J Doyle 4-9-8 R Perham 4
3 520- SUNLEY SPARKLE 84J (G) D Sasse 5-9-7 W Woods 8
4 80-0 DARING KING 31 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-4 W Hood 17
5 0260 SHALOU 9 (B,F) R Hodges 4-9-4 J Quinn 1
6 040- DAVE'S LASS 236J D Burchell 4-9-4 T Wilson 16
7 3600 JULY BRIDE 11 G L Moore 3-9-4 A Morris 15
8 0420 MALZETA 19 (BF) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-3 D Wright (5) 2
9 0604 CREAGMHOR 19 M Bolton 3-9-3 C Rutter 13
10 3506 DON'T GIVE UP 5 (B,F) R Bennett 5-9-3 W Newnes 10
11 0050 AUNT ADA 17 R Rowe 4-9-2 A Procter (5) 3
12 50-0 BAN BI 9 J Ffitch-Heyes 3-9-1 S Dawson 18
13 0300 ESERIE DE CORES 60 (B) C Weedon 3-9-0 C Hodgson (5) 6
14 000- MY BOY BUSTER 359 C Hill 4-9-0 B Russell (7) 11
15 0300 PRINCESS JESSICA 11 P Butler 6-8-13 S Drowne (7) 5
16 6060 VERRO 7 (B,G,S) J Bennett 6-8-13 G Bardwell 21
17 00-0 CAVALIER PRINCE 116 A Jarvis 3-8-12 J Lowe 20
18 6000 GEORGE ROPER 9 (B,S) G Moore 3-8-11 B Rouse 9
19 /000 ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 17 (G) J Long 7-8-10 R Price 14
20 /050 FALAND 16 (F) R Brotherton 6-8-10 A Mackay 19
21 0510 GREEN'S STUBBS 11 (V,D,F) A Barrow 6-8-6 N Carlisle 12
6-1 Malzeta, 7-1 Green's Stubbs, 8-1 Waaza, Don't Give Up, 10-1 Faland, 12-1 Princess Jessica, Sunley Sparkle, 14-1 Aunt Ada, 16-1 others.

6.30 COURAGE MASTER PLAN CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,294: 1m 67yd) (3)
1 3205 ROCKY WATERS 21 (F,G) G L Moore 4-9-2 B Rouse 3
2 -220 PETO 39 (C,G,S) H Cecil 4-8-12 W Ryan 1
3 4030 SPANISH STORM 23 (B,G) S Woods 4-8-12 W Woods 2
4-9 Peto, 7-2 Spanish Storm, 4-1 Rocky Waters.

7.00 EBF MOLSON SPECIAL DRY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,826: 2-Y-O: 5f 217yd) (19)
1 04 AQUA VIVA 61 (V) J Troy 9-0 A Garan 10
2 0 ARAFARAZ 45 L Holt 9-0 C Avery 6
3 20 ARZ 43 H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 12
4 0 AWS 40 T Thomson Jones 9-0 W Carson 8
5 004 DANCING LAWYER 18 B Meehan 9-0 A Munro 5
6 GAY DEVIL R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 14
7 00 HEIGHT OF DECORUM 7 P Cundell 9-0 S Whitworth 19
8 45 HERR TRIGGER 10 J Scargill 9-0 R Cochrane 11
9 HIGH SWINGER J Sutcliffe 9-0 B Rouse 15
10 MANDEVILLE GEORGE R Hannon 9-0 L Piggott 13
11 00 NORISKIMARINSER 40 G Lewis 9-0 L Dettori 16
12 40 RED TAR 7 W Muir 9-0 W Newnes 1
13 SIMPLY A SEQUEL M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 4
14 00 SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE 35 M Muggeridge 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) 3
15 504 CHILLY TIME 12 P Murphy 8-9 J Williams 2
16 FROMAGE D Laing 8-9 W Ryan 9
17 LADY WILLIAMS Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison (3) 18
18 0 ROYALE FIGURINE 56 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 C Rutter 7
19 00 YO 10 D Cosgrove 8-9 D Biggs 17
3-1 Mandeville George, 4-1 Herr Trigger, 5-1 Arz, 6-1 Aqua Viva, 8-1 Aws, Chilly Time, 10-1 Royal Figurine, 12-1 others.

7.30 COURAGE BEER COMPANY HANDICAP
(£3,492: 1m 3f 135yd) (8)
1 0505 BARFORD LAD 15 (F,S) J Fanshawe 6-9-10 L Dettori 3
2 1-04 BAGALINO 7 (F) R Charlton 3-9-5 Pat Eddery 5
3 110- BO KNOWS BEST 135J (D,G,S) J Sutcliffe 4-9-4 B Rouse 7
4 0014 WASSL THIS THEN 18 (CD,F,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-3 T G McLaughlin (7) 1
5 0112 MAHRAJAN 12 (CD,BF,F,G,S) C Benstead 9-9-1 T Quinn 8
6 -042 ADDICTED TO LOVE 9 (B,G) P Makin 4-8-13 W R Swinburn 2
7 4/05- WINGS OF FREEDOM 73J (G) J Jenkins 5-8-6 T Wilson 6
8 5-00 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (F) M Dixon 6-7-8 N Adams 4
11-4 Bagalino, 7-2 Mahrajan, 4-1 Addicted To Love, 5-1 Wassl This Then, 7-1 Barford Lad, 8-1 Bo Knows Best, 12-1 others.

8.00 WADWORTH 6X HANDICAP
(£2,929: 5f 10yd) (12)
1 0051 PETRACO 7 (C,D,G,S) N Smith 5-10-3 T G McLaughlin (7) 5
2 4254 PEERAGE PRINCE 14 (B,D,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-9 R Cochrane 2
3 0161 CHARITY EXPRESS 10 (D,F,G,S) D Cosgrove 3-9-7 D Biggs 12
4 0065 THE NOBLE OAK 5 (B,C,D,F,G) M McCormack 5-9-3 G Duffield 9
5 5065 DARUSSALAM 9 (B,D,F,G,S) R Lee 6-9-1 W Carson 3
6 5313 THE ORDINARY GIRL 11 (V,D,G) T Casey 3-8-8 J Reid 11
7 45/0 BLUE TAIL 9 P Butler 5-8-3 S Drowne (7) 1
8 0-00 SCREECH 19 C James 3-7-12 Dale Gibson 8
9 4003 PAT POINDESTRES 9 (G) M Dixon 3-7-12 A Clark 4
10 505- AEWA 154J R O'Sullivan 4-7-10 F Norton 7
11 000 SUEENA 23 R Hodges 3-7-9 J Quinn 10
12 3233 CASTLE MAID 22 R Hodges 6-7-7 J Lowe 6
4-1 Charity Express, 5-1 Pat Poindestres, 6-1 Peerage Prince, 7-1 Petraco, 8-1 The Ordinary Girl, The Noble Oak, 10-1 Castle Maid, 12-1 others.

8.30 JOHN SMITH'S MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,079: 1m 2f 7yd) (25)
1 4-0 BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 16 W Musson 4-9-7 A Mackay 8
2 CITTERN W Hern 3-8-11 A Clark 23
3 COLIN MUSET J Gosden 3-8-11 L Dettori 21
4 DANDONG R Charlton 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 20
5 DANISH FORT H Cecil 3-8-11 C Rutter 15
6 30 KARSHI 93 J Fanshawe 3-8-11 G Duffield 14
7 55-0 PISTOL 17 C Horgan 3-8-11 W Woods 22
8 0035 PROTON 24 P Harris 3-8-11 B Rouse 7
9 0-20 PYRAMIS PRINCE 24 M McCormack 3-8-11 J Reid 4
10 SILK ISLAND J Gosden 3-8-11 G Hind 10
11 TEOROMA J Scargill 3-8-11 J Quinn 1
12 WHITE CITY A Turnell 3-8-11 Dale Gibson 12
13 1 WINTER FOREST 92 (G) H Cecil 3-8-11 W Ryan 13
14 0 AMY COME HOME 12 P Murphy 3-8-6 J Williams 6
15 8 AWAY GIRL 24 T Naughton 3-8-6 D Holland 18
16 DAJAM J King 3-8-6 Stephen Davies (5) 19
17 ELEGANT JADE J Toller 3-8-6 W Newnes 25
18 0 ELTARA 12 W Jarvis 3-8-6 A Munro 11
19 FIDA W Hern 3-8-6 W Carson 3
20 -350 REINE DE NEIGE 44 A Scott 3-8-6 W R Swinburn 17
21 0 RIZ BIZ 8 M Bell 3-8-6 M Fenton (3) 2
22 2332 TOCHAR BAN 42 D Elsworth 3-8-6 B Doyle (3) 24
23 TOKYO M Stoute 3-8-6 P D'Arcy 16
24 09 WADIA 36 J Dunlop 3-8-6 R Hills 5
25 00 WANNABE 24 L Cumani 3-8-6 R Cochrane 9
5-2 Reine De Neige, 4-1 Tochar Ban, 6-1 Colin Muset, 7-1 Winter Forest, 8-1 Danish Fort, 12-1 Wannabe, 14-1 Proton, Pyramis Prince, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: L Cumani, 12 winners from 35 runners, 34.3%; H Cecil, 8 from 30, 26.7%; P Makin, 7 from 35, 20%; R Charlton, 4 from 20, 20%; M Prescott, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Gosden, 6 from 35, 17.1%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; Pat Eddery, 50 from 204, 24.5%; Stephen Davies, 3 from 13, 23.1%; W R Swinburn, 14 from 79, 17.7%; L Dettori, 17 from 101, 16.8%; R Cochrane, 18 from 136, 13.2%.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.00 Imaginary
2.40 DANCING BLOOM (nap)
3.15 Arabellajill
3.45 Duty Time
4.15 Monsignor Pat
4.45 Varsavia
5.20 Miss Shagra
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Troon.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 BALLASECRET.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW 6F 1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 VODAPAGE CONDITIONS STAKES BBC1
(3-Y-O: £6,918: 1m) (6 runners)
101 (2) 21-2 GABR 15 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-12 W Carson [illegible]
102 (1) 11-3530 VISTO SI STAMPI 82 (D,G,S) (Seresin Italia) J Dunlop 9-12 T Quinn 92
103 (5) 3-44444 FITZCARRALDO 15 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10 R Cochrane 86
104 (6) GENTLEMAN SID (Miss J Colson) P Dalton 8-10 J Lowe –
105 (4) 5640-0 VILLAGE GREEN 8 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 8-10 J Reid 73
106 (3) 2-13 IMAGINARY 14 (BF,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-7 W Ryan 92
BETTING: 6-4 Gabr, 15-8 Imaginary, 4-1 Fitzcarraldo, 5-1 Visto Si Stampi, 25-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS
GABR ½l 2nd of 11 to Thourios in a conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). VISTO SI STAMPI 24l 15th of 15 to White Muzzle in the group I Italian Derby at Capanelle (1m 4f, good to firm). Previously, 2l 3rd of 6 to Geoway in a listed race here (1m 2f, good to firm). FITZCARRALDO 13¼l 4th of 6 to Always Friendly in a conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). VILLAGE GREEN 42l 13th of 15 to Peter Quince in a maiden at Ascot (1m 2f, good). IMAGINARY head and neck 3rd of 9 to Instant Affair in a conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). Selection: GABR (nap)

2.40 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES BBC1
(Group II: fillies & mares: £51,550: 1m 2f) (9 runners)
201 (1) 523-004 FEMININE WILES 24 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-2 J Reid 96
202 (7) 1121-22 ONLY ROYALE 12 (D,F,G,S) (G Sangster) L Cumani 4-9-2 R Cochrane 98
203 (2) 511-41 THAWAKIB 44 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-9 W Carson 92
204 (6) 12-2 DANCING BLOOM 24 (G) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-6 L Dettori [illegible]
205 (3) 14-31 INSTANT AFFAIR 14 (D,G,S) (A Christodoulou) P Cole 3-8-6 T Quinn 87
206 (8) 4130-46 LOVE OF SILVER 78 (C,S) (A Saeed) C Brittain 3-8-6 G Duffield 94
207 (4) 2111 LYPHARD'S DELTA 24 (D,F,S) (S Khaled) H Cecil 3-8-6 W Ryan 89
208 (5) 150-100 MARILLETTE 35 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6 L Piggott 96
209 (9) 14-134 SUEBOOG 56 (G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-6 W R Swinburn 95
BETTING: 11-4 Dancing Bloom, 7-2 Thawakib, Sueboog, 6-1 Only Royale, 7-1 Marillette, 12-1 Lyphard's Delta, 20-1 Feminine Wiles, Love Of Silver, 25-1 Instant Affair.
1992: RUBY TIGER 5-9-1 T Quinn (2-1) P Cole 7 ran

FORM FOCUS
ONLY ROYALE neck 2nd of 10 to River North in the group III Tennents Scottish Classic at Ayr (1m 2f, good). THAWAKIB beat Iora 1½l in the 8-runner group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, soft). DANCING BLOOM 3½l 2nd of 11 to Niche in the group II Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket (1m good to firm), with FEMININE WILES about 3l 4th. INSTANT AFFAIR beat Surprise Surprise a head in a conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). LOVE OF SILVER 7½l 6th of 7 to Athens Belle in a listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good). LYPHARDS DELTA beat Seren Quest a head in a 22-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). MARILLETTE 4½l 9th of 10 to Talaroona in the group 3 Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh (1m 2f, good to yielding). SUEBOOG 5¾l 4th of 14 to Intrepidity in the group I Energizer Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm), with MARILLETTE 3l 8th. Selection: MARILLETTE

3.15 VODAC STEWARDS' CUP BBC1
(Handicap: £48,250: 6f) (30 runners)
301 (12) 26-1425 LORD OLIVIER 63 (D,F) (Mrs V Jarvis) W Jarvis 3-9-10 K Rutter (5) 80
302 (21) 11000-1 KING'S SIGNET 36 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-10 (7ex) W Carson 82
303 (26) 0-46205 DUPLICITY 57 (D,F,S) (B Kerr) L Holt 5-9-8 J Reid 81
304 (6) 304090 HARD TO FIGURE 23 (D,F,G,S) (J Mussell) R Hodges 7-3-7 R Cochrane 84
305 (28) 660-504 MASTER OF PASSION 38 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Kwee) J Eustace 4-9-5 M Tebbutt 81
306 (7) 054530 VENTURE CAPITALIST 23 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Hicks) R Hannon 4-9-4 K Darley 80
307 (29) 6000-63 ARABELLAJILL 43 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 4-9-3 L Dettori 89
308 (8) 402000 TERRHARS 8 (B,F,G) (H Bambrook) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-1 R Perham 83
309 (1) 320-031 NAGIDA 43 (D,G,S) (J Toller) J Toller 4-9-1 J Weaver (3) 88
310 (20) 141006 AMRON 35 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 6-9-0 N Carlisle 82
311 (10) 001112 CASTLEREA LAD 29 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 (5ex) W Ryan 91
312 (14) 230-110 GARNOCK VALLEY 70 (D,BF,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 3-8-12 W R Swinburn 80
313 (9) 5-30202 PADDY CHALK 28 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 7-8-12 A Munro 88
314 (3) 4-03424 TROON 25 (B,F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-11 L Piggott 88
315 (4) 200424 SO RHYTHMICAL 35 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs C Eden) G Eden 9-8-9 G Bardwell 84
316 (11) 0-00022 ASHTINA 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Joynes) R Hodges 8-8-8 J Quinn 91
317 (19) 010036 RUNNING GLIMPSE 8 (D,F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 5-8-8 W Newnes 84
318 (25) 554423 GORINSKY 21 (CD,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-8-7 J Carroll 88
319 (18) 0-11003 TRUE PRECISION 25 (D,G,S) (T Lock) J Bethell 3-8-4 L Charnock 88
320 (23) 361103 SIR JOEY 38 (D,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 4-8-3 N Adams 82
321 (27) 1-54024 JIGSAW BOY 38 (D,BF,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 4-8-2 J Williams 83
322 (16) 302112 BALLASECRET 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-8-2 J Lowe [illegible]
323 (13) 050012 HOW'S YER FATHER 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 7-8-1 F Norton 89
324 (22) 052034 MASNUN 21 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 8-8-0 D Biggs 82
325 (5) 135102 BLUE TOPAZE 15 (D,F,G,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 5-7-13 A Mackay 89
326 (30) 023044 MERRYHILL MAID 9 (D,F,G) (D Cabal) J Harris 5-7-9 D Wright (5) 82
327 (15) 025050 EDUCATED PET 8 (D,F,G,S) (B Morgan) M Johnston 4-7-9 B Doyle (3) 87
328 (2) 056024 INVOCATION 5 (G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 6-7-9 S Dawson 84
329 (17) 0-00030 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 5 (B,CD,F,S) (S Rooks) Mrs N Macauley 7-7-8 A Tucker 76
330 (24) 60400-5 KIMBERLEY PARK 7 (G) (G Mills) D Arbuthnot 5-7-7 N Varley (7) 77
Long handicap: Kimberley Park 7-5.
BETTING: 8-1 Ballasecret, 10-1 Castlerea Lad, 14-1 Jigsaw Boy, King's Signet, Nagida, 16-1 Arabellajill, Ashtina, Gorinsky, Troon, 18-1 How's Yer Father, 20-1 Hard To Figure, Masnun, True Precision, 25-1 Amron, Duplicity, Garnock Valley, Paddy Chalk, Venture Capitalist, 33-1 So Rhythmical, 33-1 Blue Topaze, Running Glimpse, Sir Joey, 40-1 Educated Pet, Terrhars, 50-1 Lord Olivier, Master Of Passion, 66-1 Invocation, Merryhill Maid, 100-1 Kimberley Park, Letsbeonestaboutit.
1992: LOCHSONG 4-8-0 W Carson (10-1) I Balding 30 ran

FORM FOCUS
KING'S SIGNET beat Verde Alitalia 1l in a 20-runner handicap at Newcastle (5l, good to firm), with TERRHARS (7lb better off) 8½l 12th. NAGIDA beat Cumbrian Waltzer neck in 30-runner handicap at Royal Ascot (6l, soft), with ARABELLAJILL (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd, GORINSKY (4lb better off) a short-head 4th, HARD TO FIGURE (5lb better off) 2l 6th, AMRON (6lb better off) 1½l 10th, BLUE TOPAZE (9lb better off) 4l 19th. TERRHARS (6lb better off) 6½l 22nd and ASHTINA (14lb better off) 8l 29th. CASTLEREA LAD 5l 2nd of 7 to Catrail in a conditions race at Haydock (6l, good). PADDY CHALK ¾l 2nd of 13 to Magic Orb in a handicap at Sandown (5l, good to firm), with RUNNING GLIMPSE (same terms) 3¾l 7th and MERRYHILL MAID (1lb worse off) 4l 11th. ASHTINA ½l 2nd of 11 to Regal Chimes in a handicap at Ascot (5l, good), with RUNNING GLIMPSE (same terms) 4l 6th and TERRHARS (5lb worse off) 2l 7th. TRUE PRECISION 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Storiths in a handicap at Newmarket (6l, good to firm), with TROON (2lb worse off) ¾l 4th. BALLASECRET 2l 2nd of 12 to Belfs Of Longwick in a handicap at Sandown (5l, soft). HOW'S YER FATHER 1½l 3rd (promoted to 2nd) of 19 to Everglades in a handicap at York (6l, good to firm), with GORINSKY (7lb worse off) a short-head 4th (promoted to 3rd) and EDUCATED PET (2lb worse off) 3½l 8th. Selection: TRUE PRECISION

3.45 VODATA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £5,663: 7f) (12 runners)
401 (7) 104 SECOND SIGHT 26 (F) (N Greig) M Prescott 9-7 G Duffield 81
402 (12) 0611 EXTRA BONUS 18 (D,G,S) (Indoma Racing Partners) C Wall 9-6 J Weaver (3) 86
403 (10) 50211 RAMBOLD 21 (F,G) (S Mason) T Jones 9-0 R Perham 87
404 (5) 5048 ALPINE SKIER 35 (P Savill) R Hannon 8-9 K Darley 82
405 (6) 002 DUTY TIME 21 (A Ison) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson [illegible]
406 (6) 304 SHARP TYCOON 25 (P O'Sullivan) B Meehan 8-8 W R Swinburn 90
407 (9) 145521 CULSYTH FLYER 8 (F,S) (W Cully) R Hollinshead 8-8 W Ryan 91
408 (3) 445 JASARI 16 (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-7 J Reid 85
409 (4) 00053 PRINCE DANZIG 16 (V) (A Ulrick) D Murray Smith 8-2 A Munro 88
410 (1) 5013 BET A PLAN 21 (F) (Plantlow (Leasing) Ltd) G Lewis 7-13 D Wright (5) 65
411 (11) 540 KOONOONA LADY 23 (Mrs A Hamilton) A Jarvis 7-13 J Lowe 80
412 (2) 344000 STRAPPED 8 (M Watson) M Channon 7-7 N Adams 83
Long handicap: Strapped 7-4.
BETTING: 3-1 Duty Time, 4-1 Second Sight, 9-2 Extra Bonus, 7-1 Alpine Skier, Rambold, 8-1 Culsyth Flyer, 10-1 Sharp Tycoon, 14-1 Prince Danzig, 16-1 Bet A Plan, 20-1 Jasari, 25-1 others
1992: MARILLETTE 9-2 Pat Eddery (4-1 fav) J Gosden 15 ran

4.15 TURF CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£5,526: 1m) (9 runners)
501 (4) 265523 JAHANGIR 2 (CD,BF,G,S) (S Mactarlane) B Hanbury 4-9-4 L Piggott 91
502 (7) 6041 MONSIGNOR PAT 49 (D,S) (M Poland) H Cecil 3-9-0 W Ryan 75
503 (5) 1-06005 GRAND VITESSE 19 (CD,F,S) (R Whitworth) R Hannon 4-8-13 D Gibbs (7) 91
504 (8) 341-652 BATTLE COLOURS 36 (D,BF,F,G) (G Incoll) M Prescott 4-8-11 G Duffield 95
505 (6) 0000-56 BOLD MEMORY 12 (S) (D Price) M McCormack 4-8-8 J Reid [illegible]
506 (8) 050045 MON PETITNAMOUR 5 (D,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-6 L Charnock 74
507 (3) 5-22535 CONSPICUOUS 31 (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-4 A Munro 98
508 (1) 404 PREROGATIVE 75 (BF) (The Queen) I Balding 3-8-4 L Dettori 82
509 (2) 00- DANCING MISS 312 (M Webb) P Hedger 4-8-1 C Avery 63
BETTING: 15-8 Monsignor Pat, 3-1 Battle Colours, 5-1 Jahangir, 6-1 Grand Vitesse, Prerogative, 10-1 Conspicuous, 16-1 Bold Memory, 20-1 Mon Petitnamour, 33-1 Dancing Miss
1992: KNIGHT OF MERCY 6-9-1 J Reid (8-11 fav) R Hannon 8 ran

4.45 SURPLICE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,754: 6f) (14 runners)
601 (1) ALAFLAK (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson –
602 (3) EL BAILADOR (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 9-0 A Munro –
603 (8) KENTAVRUS WAY (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont –
604 (6) MAJOR ROWAN (T Burrage) M Madgwick 9-0 C Avery –
605 (14) MONRUSH (Mrs M Devine) S Dow 9-0 J Weaver (3) –
606 (10) NORDANCE PRINCE (P Pink) D Wilson 9-0 K Darley –
607 (11) PARTY SEASON (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 D Biggs –
608 (5) ROBSERA (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0 J Reid –
609 (13) STAR TALENT (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0 R Cochrane –
610 (12) THE LONE DANCER (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori –
611 (7) DEVOTEE (Mrs P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-9 G Duffield –
612 (9) PRESENTLY (Mrs A Yearley) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) –
613 (4) RISKY TU (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-9 Gay Kelleway –
614 (2) VARSAVIA (Sultan Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 W R Swinburn –
BETTING: 5-2 Alaflak, 100-30 Kentavrus Way, 9-2 The Lone Dancer, 7-1 Varsavia, 8-1 Star Talent, 12-1 Devotee, Risky Tu, 16-1 Presently, 20-1 Robsera, 25-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.20 TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£5,208: 1m 4f) (6 runners)
1 (2) 061265 BOOKCASE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 6-9-10 J Williams 98
2 (6) 113354 MARROS MILL 31 (V,D,G,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 3-9-4 M Fenton (3) 97
3 (5) 02161 MISS SHAGRA 10 (C,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 98
4 (1) 22-0522 FOOLS ERRAND 31 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 3-8-13 J Reid 96
5 (4) 56-0081 BLAZON OF TROY 21 (D,F) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 4-8-11 K Darley [illegible]
6 (3) 314242 DAY OF HISTORY 18 (CD,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-9 D Biggs 98
BETTING: 2-1 Blazon Of Troy, 5-2 Miss Shagra, 7-2 Day Of History, 5-1 Fools Errand, 7-1 Bookcase, 10-1 Marros Mill.
1992: PADDY CHALK 6-9-11 J Reid (9-2 fav) L Holt 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	24	72	33.3	A Munro	23	114	20.2
J Eustace	4	14	28.6	W Carson	47	260	18.1
Mrs L Piggott	5	20	25.0	J Reid	32	187	17.1
R Charlton	6	26	23.1	L Dettori	22	139	15.8
D Wilson	10	44	22.7	R Cochrane	25	196	12.8
Lord Huntingdon	9	42	21.4	C Avery	3	25	12.0

□ The month-long meeting at Deauville starts today and in the feature race, the group two Prix d'Astarte, British challengers Holly Golightly and Ancestral Dancer take on some stiff French opposition from Kenbu and Elizabeth Bay. Vincent O'Brien's College Chapel, ridden by Lester Piggott, is the likely favourite for tomorrow's group two Prix Maurice de Gheest. Rivals include British horses Hazaam, Wolfhound and Rustic Craft, as well as local runners Zieten, Matelot, Acteur Francais and Robin Des Pins.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.15 Scenic Dancer
2.45 Walid's Princess
3.20 Owington
3.50 Prairie Grove
4.20 Hever Golf Rose
4.50 Misbelief
5.25 Peter Rowley
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 OWINGTON (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 JIF LEMON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£3,106: 1m 4f) (14 runners)
1 (11) 2100-40 VIARDOT 14 (G,S) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-12-0 M Buckley 98
2 (6) 4/33110- KHALIDI 366 (D,F,B) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 4-11-9 Miss E Gandolfo (5) –
3 (1) 530-500 STARLIGHT FLYER 15 (B,F,G,S) (T Waters) J Long 6-11-9 T Waters (5) [illegible]
4 (5) 0-45500 MADAGANS GREY 17 (C,F,G,S) R Boss 5-10-9 Mrs L Pearce 90
5 (10) 503202 SWIFT SILVER 7 (G,S) (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 6-10-8 Mrs J Musson (5) 94
6 (4) 1/006/0 LAMBOURN RAJA 7 (G,S) (K Tom) J O'Donoghue 7-10-7 K Tork (5) –
7 (7) 3010-00 FORTUNE STAR 7 (S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-10-3 Miss M Bridger (5) 95
8 (9) 0303/00 TORGHIA 11 (D,F,G) M Bradstock 6-10-1 Miss M Sandercock (5) 90
9 (13) 34-8006 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 21 (B) (J Mounsey) C James 4-10-0 E James (5) 91
10 (3) 25/4061 BLACKDOWN 8 (D,F,G,S) (T Dyer) T Dyer 5-9-11 Miss A Harwood 87
11 (12) 650120 SCENIC DANCER 23 (D,F,G) (A Hide) A Hide 5-9-11 Miss L Hide (5) 94
12 (14) 005544 THE KARAOKE KING 9 (B,D,F,G) (P Boggis) R Hannon 4-9-10 Mrs J Boggis (5) 97
13 (8) /40323 BARCHAM 9 (F) (D Wilson) D Wilson 6-9-7 Mrs P Nash 90
14 (2) 6/650-50 EVERSO IRISH 98 (M Woodall) P Evans 4-9-7 W McLaughlin (5) 78
Long handicap: Barcham 9-3, Everso Irish 8-13
BETTING: 7-2 Swift Silver, 4-1 Viardot, 5-1 Scenic Dancer, 7-1 Khalidi, The Karaoke King, 8-1 Barcham, 10-1 Madagans Grey, 12-1 others.
1992: CUNNING 3-10-5 Mrs S Cumani (4-5 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

2.45 ROBINSON'S FRUIT DRINKS CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,924: 7f) (9 runners)
1 (2) 254642 PRINCELY FAVOUR 2 (S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-5 M Hills 93
2 (5) 4 COMMON LAW 53 (Mrs N Myers) R Charlton 9-2 Pat Eddery –
3 (7) 130-60 MONTONE 36 (G) (Purple Silks) C Booth 9-1 G Carter 74
4 (8) 00-4654 OK BERTIE 17 (P Newman) D Morris 8-11 C Hodgson (5) [illegible]
5 (4) 0 PACIFIC POWER 9 (N Yong) W O'Gorman 8-7 D Holland –
6 (3) 410-000 CLIBURNEL NEWS 10 (D,F,G) (East Lancs News) M Tompkins 8-2 P Robinson 98
7 (6) 404053 EASTERN GLOW 31 (S C Woods) S Woods 8-0 W Woods 79
8 (9) 0-06636 TEE GEE JAY 10 (V,BF,S) (Future Electrical Services) C Williams 8-0 D Harrison (3) 84
9 (1) 40-5404 WALID'S PRINCESS 15 (F) (Mrs V Hannigan) J Wharton 7-8 Dale Gibson 88
BETTING: 5-2 Common Law, 3-1 OK Bertie, 4-1 Princely Favour, 6-1 Tee Gee Jay, Walid's Princess, 10-1 Eastern Glow, 12-1 Montone, 16-1 others
1992: LORD VIVIENNE 9-1 M Roberts (9-4 fav) P Cole 6 ran

3.20 EBF COLMAN'S MUSTARD MAIDEN STAKES C4
(2-Y-O: £4,425: 6f) (11 runners)
1 (2) ATAARED (H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 B Raymond –
2 (3) 0 CALYPSO MONARCH 73 (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-0 W Woods –
3 (1) FOREST GAZELLE (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery –
4 (4) KNAVE'S ASH (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 Paul Eddery –
5 (6) OWINGTON (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills –
6 (10) STEADY RISK (Rockvale Ltd) N Callaghan 9-0 S Whitworth –
7 (11) STORM SHIP (J Strauss) A Scott 9-0 G Carter –
8 (5) UNCLE BILL (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 9-0 B Marcus –
9 (7) WORLD TRAVELLER (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) –
10 (9) 0 EXOTIC FOREST 24 (W Gredley) N Wright 8-9 P Robinson –
11 (8) MILLION LIGHTS (Million In Mind Partnership) R Hannon 8-9 D Holland –
BETTING: 9-4 Forest Gazelle, 7-2 Owington, 5-1 Knave's Ash, 7-1 Steady Risk, 10-1 Exotic Forest, 12-1 Ataared, Calypso Monarch, 14-1 Storm Ship, 16-1 others.
1992: DESERT SHOT 9-0 W R Swinburn (1-2 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS
ATAARED (foaled Apr 5) Half-brother by Danzig to 6f/1m winner Tabdea and to 1m winner Hawl; dam won at up to 1m 1f and is half-sister to smart stayer Zero Watt. CALYPSO MONARCH 9¾l 11th of 14 to Zuno Star in a maiden at Goodwood (6l, good to firm). FOREST GAZELLE (Feb 21). Second foal, dam 5l juvenile winner. OWINGTON (Feb 6, cost 56,000gns) Half-brother by Green Desert to 7f-1m 4l winner Common Council, dam won over 1m 2l. STORM SHIP (Mar 15, 16,000gns). Half-brother by Petoruz to Hazel Bush, moderate 1m 3f-1m 5f winner at three and four years, dam fair 1m winner. WORLD TRAVELLER (Apr 14, 25,000gns) Half-brother by Most Welcome to several winners here and abroad, including 1m juvenile winner Cautionary Tale; dam placed over middle distances. Selection: CALYPSO MONARCH

3.50 ROBINSONS BARLEY WATER HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £4,308: 1m) (9 runners)
1 (7) 400145 KING PARIS 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 9-7 M Hills [illegible]
2 (4) 410002 KASSBAAN 8 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-7 B Raymond 98
3 (2) 146025 KEYWAY 11 (D,G) (B Haggas) M Prescott 9-6 C Nutter 93
4 (3) 103105 PRAIRIE GROVE 10 (BF,G,S) (G Gleadell) R Hannon 9-4 Pat Eddery 96
5 (5) 3-0523 AJMAAN 12 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-3 S Whitworth 94
6 (8) 3-03100 AROOM 21 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 P Robinson 95
7 (6) 0-42 OCARA 84 (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-13 G Carter 88
8 (9) 20-2225 GIORDANO 7 (J Garratley) P Evans 8-7 Paul Eddery 94
9 (1) 0030-33 SWEET DISORDER 22 (BF) (C Morris) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-5 D Harrison (3) 90
BETTING: 7-2 Prairie Grove, 4-1 Kassbaan, 5-1 Ocara, 7-1 King Paris, Ajmaan, 8-1 Sweet Disorder, Keyway, 12-1 others.
1992: BLOCKADE 8-11 M Hills (7-1) M Bell 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
KING PARIS 10¾l 5th of 9 to Water Gypsy in a claimer at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). KASSBAAN head 2nd of 13 to Rapid Success in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Ascot (1m, good). KEYWAY 6½l 5th of 6 to Routing in a handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good). AJMAAN 6½l 3rd of 10 to Moon Spin in a handicap at Bath (1m, good). OCARA 5l 2nd of 14 to Princess Kris in a maiden at Bath (1m, firm). GIORDANO 2¾l 5th of 7 to Preston Guild in a handicap at Southwell (1m 2l, good). Previously 3½l 2nd of 8 to Susquehanna Days in maiden at Warwick (1m, good) with SWEET DISORDER (3lb worse off) 4l 3rd. Selection: KASSBAAN

4.20 TENTH RUNNING OF THE COLMAN'S OF NORWICH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £20,225: 6f) (18 runners) C4
1 (16) 125123 OCHOS RIOS 36 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Burn) B Rothwell 9-7 Stephen Davies (5) 85
2 (18) 310 STRAIGHT ARROW 14 (S) (J Bailey) Lord Huntingdon 9-4 D Harrison (3) 88
3 (8) 221 DANCE FOCUS 10 (G) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-2 Emma O'Gorman (3) 84
4 (14) 001221 STAR SPEEDER 7 (D,F,S) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Lewis 8-13 B Russell (7) 91
5 (15) 5513 KINGSWELL PRINCE 29 (D,F) (S Crown) M Channon 8-12 T Quinn 92
6 (2) 3420 ANZIO 14 (Mrs M Gray) G Bravery 8-12 M Hills 86
7 (6) 4101 PRINCE AZZAAN 11 (F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-8 Pat Eddery 93
8 (7) 0110 TINKER OSMASTON 14 (F) (Mrs S Foster) C Williams 8-8 J Curant 92
9 (10) 24311 BELLA PARKES 15 (D,F,S) (J Heler) J Berry 8-6 G Carter 95
10 (4) 114 SAWTID 14 (D,F) (J R Leisure Ltd) D Morris 8-3 A Clark 86
11 (5) 241403 DISTINCTIVE AIR 12 (D,G,S) (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-3 P Robinson 91
12 (13) 43202 DOLLAR GAMBLE 31 (J Leek) R Hannon 8-2 B Marcus 92
13 (1) 012 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 16 (D,F) (M Woodall) P Evans 8-1 D Holland [illegible]
14 (12) 010 MIRIAM 14 (F) (Miss A Whitehead) M Fetherston-Godley 8-1 J Tate (5) 80
15 (11) 421 HEVER GOLF ROSE 10 (G) (R Pooely) T Naughton 8-1 Paul Eddery 94
16 (9) 110 TUTU SIXTYSIX 96 (F,G) (Mrs A Gover) R Boss 7-13 N Kennedy (3) 91
17 (3) 63201 THE MULTIYORKER 6 (F) (Multiyork Ltd) M Tompkins 7-7 Dale Gibson 93
18 (17) 050345 KOMPLICITY 8 (Hole in the Wall Breeding-Racing) Bob Jones 7-7 E Johnson 88
Long handicap: The Multiyorker 7-6, Komplicity 7-5.
BETTING: 5-1 Prince Azzaan, 9-1 Bella Parkes, 10-1 Allegsnobrain, Hever Golf Rose, Tinker Osmaston, 12-1 Star Speeder, The Multiyorker, Tutu Sixtysix, 14-1 Anzio, Dollar Gamble, Kingswell Prince, Straight Arrow, 16-1 others.
1992: TAJDIF 8-3 M Hills (9-2 fav) D Morley 12 ran

FORM FOCUS
OCHOS RIOS 3½l 3rd of 5 to Perucai in a conditions race at Newcastle (7l, good to firm) with DISTINCTIVE AIR (16lb better off) 5l 4th. STRAIGHT ARROW 6¾l 7th of 16 to Risky in a valuable auction race at Newbury (5l, good) with ANZIO (4lb better off) 1l 9th, TINKER OSMASTON (3lb better off) ½l 10th and MIRIAM (14lb better off) 7l 16th. DANCE FOCUS beat Ingozi head in an 8-runner maiden at Yarmouth (5l, good). STAR SPEEDER beat Nax head in a 4-runner conditions race at Newcastle (7l, good to firm). PRINCE AZZAAN beat Bold Gem 2½l in a 7-runner nursery at Folkestone (5l, good to firm). BELLA PARKES beat Tudle Rock 3½l in a 6-runner nursery at Hamilton (6l, soft). DOLLAR GAMBLE 3l 2nd of 9 to Baskerville in a maiden at Epsom (5l, firm). HEVER GOLF ROSE beat Tashla ½l in a 12-runner maiden auction at Doncaster (7l, good). THE MULTIYORKER beat Heathcliff 1l in a 9-runner nursery at Yarmouth (7l, good to firm) with KOMPLICITY (2lb better off) 5¼l 5th. Selection: STRAIGHT ARROW

4.50 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£6,264: 1m 2f) (7 runners) C4
1 (5) 000122 DRUMMER HICKS 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 4-9-13 M Tebbutt 96
2 (1) 33-4404 SHARJAH 24 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-9-6 P Robinson 98
3 (7) 01-331 SCULLER 57 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-9-5 Pat Eddery 98
4 (4) 10-6220 FORTHWITH 24 (S) (L Ward) J Hills 3-9-4 T Quinn 95
5 (3) 3-20110 SUN OF SPRING 28 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-1 Paul Eddery 98
6 (2) 2-21510 NESSUN DORMA 24 (D,F,S) (H Morriss) G Wragg 3-9-0 M Hills 95
7 (6) 40-2113 MISBELIEF 50 (D,BF,F) (T & J Vestey) J Fanshawe 3-8-6 G Carter [illegible]
BETTING: 3-1 Sculler, 4-1 Nessun Dorma, 9-2 Sharjah, 5-1 Misbelief, 11-2 Sun Of Spring, 7-1 Drummer Hicks, 12-1 Forthwith.
1992: VALLANCE 4-9-1 W R Swinburn (5-1) P Harris 8 ran

FORM FOCUS
DRUMMER HICKS ½l 2nd of 10 to Darmstadt in a handicap at Ripon (1m 4l 110yd, good). SHARJAH 2¾l 4th of 22 to Lyphard's Delta in a handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with NESSUN DORMA (3lb better off) 3¼l 7th and FORTHWITH (2lb better off). SCULLER beat Eau De France ¾l in handicap at Epsom (1m 2l, good). FORTHWITH 1½l 2nd of 7 to Barbouth in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, soft) on penultimate start. SUN OF SPRING beat Empire Pool 1½l in handicap at Epsom (1m 4l, good to firm). NESSUN DORMA beat Spring Flyer 2l in a handicap at Pontefract (1m 2l, firm) on penultimate start. MISBELIEF beat Soperlogo 2l in a 10-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2l, good to firm) on penultimate start. Selection: SCULLER

5.25 COLMAN'S SAUCES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,314: 7f) (7 runners)
1 (2) 8301 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 30 (F) (The Bloodstock Brothers) P Harris 9-1 Paul Eddery 82
2 (3) 1 CARMOT 49 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) P Cole 9-1 T Quinn [illegible]
3 (6) 51 DIESAN 14 (C,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-1 D Holland 90
4 (5) 012 KEZIO RUFO 20 (D,S) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 9-1 M Wigham 77
5 (1) CHILLY LAD (D Bell) M Ryan 8-11 P McCabe (7) –
6 (7) 023514 PETER ROWLEY 14 (G) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery 98
7 (4) 04 TONDRES 10 (V) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11 B Marcus 77
BETTING: 6-4 Carmot, 5-2 Diesan, 3-1 Peter Rowley, 8-1 Absolutely Fayre, 12-1 Kezio Rufo, 14-1 others.
1992: TIOMAN ISLAND 9-1 T Quinn (11-8) P Cole 2 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	70	318	22.0	Pat Eddery	85	467	18.2
D Loder	3	14	21.4	M Hills	35	243	14.4
M Stoute	50	273	18.3	D Holland	17	161	10.6
J Gosden	39	228	17.3				
P Cole	18	105	17.1				
J Fanshawe	15	93	16.1	Only qualifiers			

Racing next week

SUNDAY: Lingfield Park. MONDAY: Ripon, Newton Abbot. TUESDAY: Brighton, Redcar, †Nottingham. WEDNESDAY: Brighton, Pontefract, †Kempton, †Nottingham, Exeter. THURSDAY: Brighton, Bath, Pontefract. FRIDAY: Redcar, Southwell, †Haydock, †Newmarket, Plumpton. SATURDAY: Ayr, Haydock, Newmarket, Redcar, †Lingfield, †Southwell, †Worcester.
(Flat meetings in bold) † denotes evening meeting

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 3.15 Terrhars, Troon. NEWMARKET: 5.25 Tondres. THIRSK: 5.30 Silver Stone Boy. WINDSOR: 6.00 Eserie De Cores. LINGFIELD PARK (TOMORROW): 4.20 Excess Baggage.

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Saturday portrait: Harold Cudmore, by Barry Pickthall

King of Cowes whose rule blends charm and strong-arm tactics

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Harold Cudmore, the man they call King Harold of Cowes, was wearing his crown at a tilt yesterday, having been stranded ashore in the Admiral's Cup series after his yacht, *Jameson I*, lost its keel and sank on one of the better-known rocky hazards in the Solent during the opening race on Thursday.

It is not the first time the irrepressible Irishman has had that sinking feeling. In 1985, he hit a wreck off Bembridge Ledge while captaining Graham Walker's British Admiral's Cup contender and during the 12-metre world championship a year later, fire pumps were called out when *the French yacht* he had chartered came close to being overwhelmed off Fremantle.

But Cudmore is a man who always bounces back and if he is not racing his own boat at Cowes during the coming week, then he will certainly be aboard someone else's. His is a talent in high demand; he has five world titles on his CV, dual passports and a split personality to match.

Competing with Jameson I, he is Irish. After the Fastnet race in two weeks' time, he returns to being British, to prepare and captain an America's Cup challenge in 1995.

Meet this copper-haired yachtsman at a harbourside bar and you are greeted by a charming, witty companion. Get in his way in a race and you are met by expletives and fist waving from the legendary ogre. He rides rough-shod over friend and foe in order to win.

The aggression vanishes once he crosses the finish line, just as if some malign spirit on his shoulder has returned to a drawer along with the charts. For those sailing with or against him for the first time, it can seem an abrupt change. Suddenly, the man who has been berating you throughout the race is there shaking you warmly by the hand.

To his crew, many of whom have sailed with him for two decades or more, this abuse falls like water off a duck's back. They love him for his wit, wisdom and winning ways, by storing away the latest, often comic, outbursts so they can be related, back on dry land.

I well recall my own experience of racing on the same boat as Cudmore. He had graciously agreed to bring his expertise and crew to sharpen my own primitive skills in a match-racing championship for the press. Most club sailors like myself would give their right arm to have such a man in their crew — and I almost had to. After jumping up and down in the cockpit, goading and pressuring our rivals in the close-quarter jousting before the race, he became so exasperated with my own feeble efforts to match his commands that he yanked the tiller from my hand with such force that it almost pulled my arm from its socket.

Some of Cudmore's more famous outbursts have taken their place in yachting folklore. Standing at the helm of Lionheart, the 12-metre yacht, in trials during Peter de Savary's campaign for the America's Cup in the early 1980s, the Irishman became so infuriated at the ham-fisted spinnaker handling by those on the bow that he lashed out with the sharp end of his boot, connecting with the backside of his navigator. "What the hell's that for?" asked the surprised Andrew "Spud" Spedding, who had been bent over his charts. "Just pass it on. Pass it on," Cudmore shouted.

> Get in his way in a race and you are met by expletives and fist waving from the legendary ogre

On another occasion, while racing on an Australian yacht, he became almost apoplectic over the misguided antics of another bowman. He abandoned the wheel and rushed forward to give the hapless crewman a piece of his mind. "You," he screamed, as he held the man by the collar, "have got to be the most (expletive deleted) useless (expletive deleted) idiot I have ever seen on a boat anywhere in my entire (expletive deleted) life."

"And I hope," he added hurriedly, as the full size and strength of the giant he was manhandling dawned on him, "that you will take this as constructive criticism."

Shouting aside, Cudmore, 49, is a winner, with the skills honed over three decades of top-class competition that can make even an average boat seem special. The winner of five world championships, twelve international match-race titles and twice skipper of the top-scoring yacht in the Admiral's Cup he is, according to Bill Koch, one of only three people in the world with the ability and expertise to win the America's Cup. The others are the four-time winner, Dennis Conner, and John Bertrand, who won the cup for Alan Bond in 1983. And Koch should know. He won the America's Cup last year.

Is Cudmore a match for Conner? Certainly on an intellectual level. They also share the same fastidious approach to preparation and planning. But it was Conner who won the cup back for America in 1987, when Cudmore skippered British entry, White Crusader, that just failed to make the semi-final.

Koch's belief stems from Cudmore's role as his personal adviser during the American's $68.5 million cup campaign that sidelined Conner. Koch senses that the Irishman picked up enough knowledge from the year spent with him in San Diego to win — even with the cut-price campaign he has planned with fellow sailors Eddie Warden Owen, Richard Matthews and Graham Walker, who this week is captaining the Great Britain Admiral's Cup team.

Cudmore is a native of Cowes but his roots remain set in Cork, Ireland. The son of a successful grocer, whose family firm supplies a nationwide chain of shops, he was schooled at Castleknock and learnt to sail aboard his father's 30-foot boat during the summer holidays.

He began racing at the age of 12 in a battered and leaky Cadet dinghy before graduating to an Enterprise and winning the Irish Champion of Champions event in 1972. He also represented Ireland at the Olympics that year, sailing a Flying Dutchman. Cudmore did not cover himself in glory, displaying instead a mischievous sense of fun by holding an open-house for parties and hot-wiring the lift in the competitors' hotel to ensure that it always stopped on the Irish floor.

In 1976, Cudmore began preparations for the Olympics in Canada, only to have his plans torpedoed by the Irish Yachting Association who, perhaps remembering his antics at Kiel, refused to endorse the campaign. That slap proved the turning point in his career. Instead of travelling to Kingston, Cudmore poured all his energies into putting together a boat and crew to win that year's Half-Ton Cup at Trieste. He did it with ease, displaying an ability to juggle the many elements of yacht racing into a winning combination, a rare skill that has kept him employed ever since.

Will Cudmore have the chance to work his magic for the Irish team competing at Cowes next week? Jameson I may be repaired in time to race again. Alternatively, other teams may allow him to charter another yacht. "We will just have to see how things go this weekend," he said coyly.

He is equally coy about his America's Cup plans. "We have given ourselves to the end of the year to approach a select number of companies. We know we have the knowledge and ability to win and are looking for £6 million, but you will not hear us shouting from the rooftops until we win that backing."

Cudmore hoping rivals will sanction new yacht

By Barry Pickthall

AFTER the sinking on Thursday of Jameson I, the Irish one-tonner, in the opening race of the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup series, Harold Cudmore's hopes of skippering a replacement yacht for the rest of the series rest on the agreement of three rival teams.

The yacht, chartered from King Harald of Norway, was deemed unrepairable by the team yesterday after her keel broke off and the yacht sank within three minutes of hitting Gurnard ledge during the Royal Yacht Squadron trophy race in the Solent.

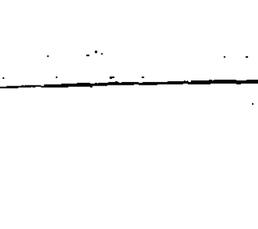
Cudmore and his crew applied to the jury to replace her for the rest of the series with Thomas I Punct, the one-tonner owned by the German, Thomas Friese. They ruled late on Thursday that this could only occur with the unanimous agreement of the other teams. The precedent for this was set in 1979 when the Brazilian yacht, Madrugarda, was holed during the first race and substituted by Winsome Gold, David May's reserve British yacht.

Graham Walker, captain of the UK team, was first to offer his support telling, Cudmore: "Of course you can and good luck." That was followed by positive responses from the Germans, Japanese and Dutch, but the French, Italian and Australian teams have reserved their decision until after this weekend's 206-mile Channel race.

"Some skippers understandably, have taken a hard-nosed view, but most team captains are taking a sporting attitude. We hope to have a positive answer from all the teams by Sunday afternoon, which will allow us to compete in Monday's race," Cudmore said yesterday.

The Irishman and his crew reflected on their options as the rest of the Admiral's Cup fleet set off with 69 other yachts on the Channel race yesterday afternoon. First away from the Squadron line off Cowes was Burt Dolk's Dutch 50-footer, Promotion, followed by the Australian yacht, Ragamuffin, the overall winner on Thursday, and Graham Walker's British entry, Indulgence.

After the protest which disqualified Provezza Source, Stuart Childerley's British team yacht, on Thursday, which dragged the host team back to fourth in the overall standings, alongside Japan. They are in need of a good result if they are to pull back on fighting terms with the Australians, who lead the series ahead of Italy and Ireland.



Walker: sporting

Last night, as the yachts headed out past the Nab Tower on a double triangular course taking in marks off Poole and Rustington before returning to the Solent later today, Promotion held a four-second lead over Syd Fischer's Ragamuffin, followed by Champosa, from Japan, and Indulgence. Corum Saphire, a member of the defending French team, did their chances no good by hitting the first mark and were forced to make a 720° penalty turn, which dropped them to last among the 50-footers.

Jameson II, the two-tonner skippered by Gordon Maguire, kept spirits up in the Irish team by leading the mid-sized yachts, though her teammate, Jameson III, was dragging her transom back in sixth place among the 50-footers.

With Indulgence fourth, Provezza Source third among the two-tonners and GBE International trailing fifth among the one-tonners, Britain's hopes of a good result rested on a marked improvement in fortunes overnight.

Making waves, Weekend Times

Appeal of Cowes remains

ENTRIES for Cowes week remain high despite the recession (Barry Pickthall writes). Some 750 yachts have entered for Britain's premier sailing regatta which starts today.

While short of the record numbers of the late 1980s, when 900 yachts were the norm, it is better than the organisers expected.

There is no main overall sponsor for the week and financial support has been provided by Land Rover, the principal sponsor for the past four years, and Bombay Gin, which has provided the funds for a new finishing platform for the White group.

Entry fees have been increased, but the cost of racing is still reasonable, ranging from £7 a day to £20 for the larger yachts.

Among the fleet will be the America's Cup yachtsman, Dennis Conner, who is in training for the Whitbread Round the World Race and is taking time to race Etchell for the first four days.

The Duke of Edinburgh has chartered Sir Owen Arshar's Sigma 38 and will be racing until Wednesday, when he leaves aboard the royal yacht, Brittania, for Scotland. Safety is of major concern following the accidents of 1992, when two sailors lost their lives. The Cowes Combined Club has incorporated a safety measure into the sailing instructions. When conditions are extreme, they will be permitted to fly the Y flag, which requires all competitors to wear life jackets.

Boardman's professional move is a matter of time

Peter Bryan maps out the road ahead for Chris Boardman and Graeme Obree, the two men of the hour in British amateur cycling

Chris Boardman, back in his terraced house in Hoylake after breaking the world one-hour track record in Bordeaux nine days ago, is fast approaching decision time. His option: stay amateur or chase that sometimes elusive crock of gold as a professional.

Boardman has made up his mind about the principle. He wants a cash income and believes that he has the ability to make a good pro.

He showed his professionalism, too, in the timing of his successful record bid, coinciding with the stage end of the Tour de France. Six hundred journalists and cameramen in situ guaranteed worldwide publicity for the Briton.

This is the time of year when managers are looking for new team members to gain them high points for the 1994 world rankings. Since his 52.270km (32.4 miles) ride, Boardman has been besieged with offers of professional contracts from some of Europe's shrewdest managers.

Boardman's world record, then, was his planned springboard to a professional career. If he has decided to switch, why not do so now?

Because in three weeks he should be world 4,000m pursuit champion, for the first time this year a title fully open to pros and amateurs. That victory, at Harmar, Norway, would provide a further strong bargaining point.

Also in Norway next month, having his first international selection, will be Graeme Obree, the Scot Boardman will not forgive for jumping the gun and taking Francesco Moser's nine-year-old world hour record a week before his own success.

Revenge was agony for Boardman as he circled the 250-metre velodrome at Bordeaux. He came close to fainting with still 15 minutes to ride. When he heard yesterday, while competing in the national track championships at Leicester, that Obree will attempt to regain the record in Stuttgart on September 12, Boardman shrugged it off. "Let him try. The onus is on him," he said.

Suddenly Britain has two men of the hour. Boardman, methodical, a stickler for perfection and an admirer of Peter Keen, his Olympic and world record trainer. Obree, a spur-of-the-moment man (he temporarily quit cycling last winter) who has designed and built his own machine for much of the last ten years, has relied on what he calls "body signals" to indicate his fitness.

If they each accept professional contracts, their lifestyles will change dramatically. They can expect to be on the treadmill of continental road racing for almost eight months of the year, living out of a suitcase and spending nights behind the wheel of a car driving from one contract to another.

Boardman says: "Everything is a possibility. But I want to get the best out of that sort of life for my family. I need to find a team that will, to some extent, leave me to do what I want to do." He does not relish the idea of being away from home and family for more than a month at a time. "I believe it possible to commute to the Continent," he said.

Once he has firmed up a professional contract, nothing would please him more than to move into a larger house, "nothing grand, but just somewhere with a little more room".

He would make a team's ideal time-trial specialist, given a settling-in period, to challenge the Indurains and the Romingers.

Obree has still to demonstrate that he is a track time-trial and road racing all-rounder in the Boardman mould. Yet, of the Tour de France he says: "I can climb mountains" — he won the Manx trial, which includes Snaefell, this year — "and I have won mountain bike races. I'm trained for nothing other than racing and that's where my long-term future is."

No action on injury to Pienaar

THE New South Wales Rugby Union decided yesterday to take no action regarding an incident in South Africa's tour match with New South Wales last weekend in Sydney in which the Springbok captain, Francois Pienaar, sustained facial cuts.

The South Africa party complained earlier this week that a New South Wales forward had trampled on Pienaar, a flanker, who required stitches to close a gash below an eye.

"I had a look at the video and the view of the union is that the matter was dealt with by the referee," David Moffett, the executive director of the union, said. "We see no reason to take the matter further."

Barry Leask, the match referee, told the South African manager, Jannie Engelbrecht, he saw the incident clearly and took no action because there was no intent to injure. South Africa meet Australia in Sydney today in the first of three internationals.

Andries Truscott, the former South Africa hooker, was banned for two years yesterday by a New Zealand Rugby Football Union tribunal after testing positive for a banned stimulant, Prolintane, in a match played on May 7. Truscott was playing for Northern Transvaal against North Harbour.



England require Brittin at her best in World Cup final



Sarah Potter pays tribute to a former colleague returning to Lord's with a vital role to play

Women's cricket is not big business. Janette Brittin is not a name for the hoardings. But England's 34-year-old opening bat is, quite simply, the most accomplished player presently on view in the crimped, pinched and harassed game. She has the grace and the flair to command centre stage in the World Cup final at Lord's tomorrow.

England's opponents will be New Zealand and not, as widely expected, the old enemy Australia. Brittin does not care who provides the opposition, or that New Zealand inflicted England's only defeat in the round robin qualifying stage. She believes that reaching the final was vital both for the status and survival of the withering domestic game.

We were both part of the England team that lost to Australia at Lord's in 1987 and I know only too well how the occasion slipped by. J. B. is grateful for a second visit. "I'm itching to get back there because I was so disappointed for all of us last time. We were a much better team than we showed," she recalls.

Off the pitch and away from battle she shuns attention and guards against the first emotion. Until, that is, some team crisis or adversity demands her attention. Then, as with one enjoying a special respect, she has the rare ability to soothe and motivate. Such qualities understandably appealed to England's selectors and, if Brittin had been willing, they would surely have chosen her as their captain. "I'm just not that sort of character," she says.

We have played in the same team many times and I took over England's vice-captaincy from her in 1987. Her open smile comes as an admission of our understanding. "At times I think being a captain would take my mind off my inner-self and if I had to worry about other people maybe things would be a bit easier." Another smile. "But, no, it doesn't come naturally. Definitely not."

Leadership in cricket can take many forms and England's occasionally bumpy passage to the Lord's final has been smoothed by Brittin's high-class batting. Low scores by her are a rarity and her two centuries so far in the competition reflect both her talent and consistency. Often just as vital to the team, is her eye-catching brilliance in the field.

At Lord's, in 1987, we shared the cover and mid-wicket fielding duties, facing each other either side of a sodden square. The buzz I felt then will be rekindled tomorrow when I watch J. B. swoop to turn boundaries into desperate singles.

That series was my last — and the release from the feelings of isolation came as a relief. Brittin, though, enjoys and even courts such isolation. She appears most comfortable when allowed to look in from the outside. Perhaps it is this detachment which has enabled her to continue playing when others have chosen to hang up their pads.

"Maybe. I've taken time out during my playing years to stay fresh. I haven't played relentlessly or been on every tour that's going. Also, I've stayed a bit aloof from getting involved in the politics and things you can't change, like the Women's Cricket Association (WCA), which is not always easy."

The politics, it seems to me, have thankfully stayed away from her. It has always caused amusement and sometimes outright disbelief to her team colleagues that "rebel" labels always stuck elsewhere. Only J. B. could so consistently flout the establishment's rules. We laugh about the red initials embroidered on her "supposed to be white only" sweaters.

"I do conform, but maybe only to a certain extent. That's not to say I'm challenging the WCA, I'm just being myself. Maybe I should have been hauled across the coals but I just think you go as far as you can and I've always done that."

Nobody now seems to care much if women's cricket's hidden rebel conforms or not. She is taken for what she is; a special talent. Of greater importance tomorrow will be her ability to set England off on a positive footing. Whatever the outcome at Lord's, Janette Brittin is sure to figure prominently.

PATHS TO FINAL

England
England (286-3) bt Denmark (47) by 239 runs
New Zealand (127) bl England (102) by 25 runs
England (259-4) bt Ireland (80-9) by 163 runs
England (179) bt India (176) by 3 runs
England (208-5) bt Australia (165) by 43 runs
W Indies (120) lost to England (123-6) by 4 wkts
England (207-5) bt Holland (74) by 133 runs

New Zealand
Ireland (82-6) lost to N Zealand (83-4) by 6 wkts
N Zealand (127) bt England (102) by 25 runs
Denmark (93) lost to N Zealand (94-1) by 9 wkts
Holland (40) lost to N Zealand (41-0) by 10 wkts
W Indies (96) lost to N Zealand (97-3) by 7 wkts
N Zealand (154-8) bt India (112) by 42 runs
Australia (77) lost to N Zealand (78-0) by 10 wkts

Benjamin inspires Surrey with six of best

By Michael Henderson

THE OVAL (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs ahead of Surrey

BENJAMINS to the right, Benjamins to the left. Suddenly, it appears each county must have one, just as there used to be an unwritten law that Gérard Depardieu had to be in every French film. Yesterday, Joey Benjamin, of Surrey, enjoyed the shining hour of his career, taking six for 19 as Nottinghamshire followed on in the most embarrassing circumstances.

What is it with Nottinghamshire? No sooner have they made 560 on a turning pitch at Old Trafford, to defeat Lancashire by an innings, than they fall down against an attack deprived of its two strike bowlers. To be dismissed for 68 on this pitch was a shameful performance.

It was their lowest score since 1988, when Kent bowled them out for 65 at Dartford, and the worst total in the championship this year. Lancashire made 72 at Taunton in May, when they needed only 88 to win, but could point to an inspired spell from Caddick, who took nine wickets on a green pitch. There were no excuses here.

In that match at Dartford, Paul Pollard, then a callow 19-year-old, made 142 in the second innings, even though Nottinghamshire lost by two wickets. Pollard's career has not advanced as smoothly as many imagined it might and this innings, which ended three runs short of a century, was his best of the summer in the championship.

He began the day on 12, when Nottinghamshire resumed on 29 for three, and will have been unhappy not to end it at the crease after organising a second innings that was markedly more determined than the sorrow procession before lunch. After his departure, Cairns and Evans batted defiantly to push the game into a third day.

The second day belonged to Benjamin, who battered Nottinghamshire into submission — not that he had to try that hard. *Playfair* describes him as medium fast, which is probably correct, but he looked a shade brisker here, hitting the pitch hard with a ball that had retained most of its shine.

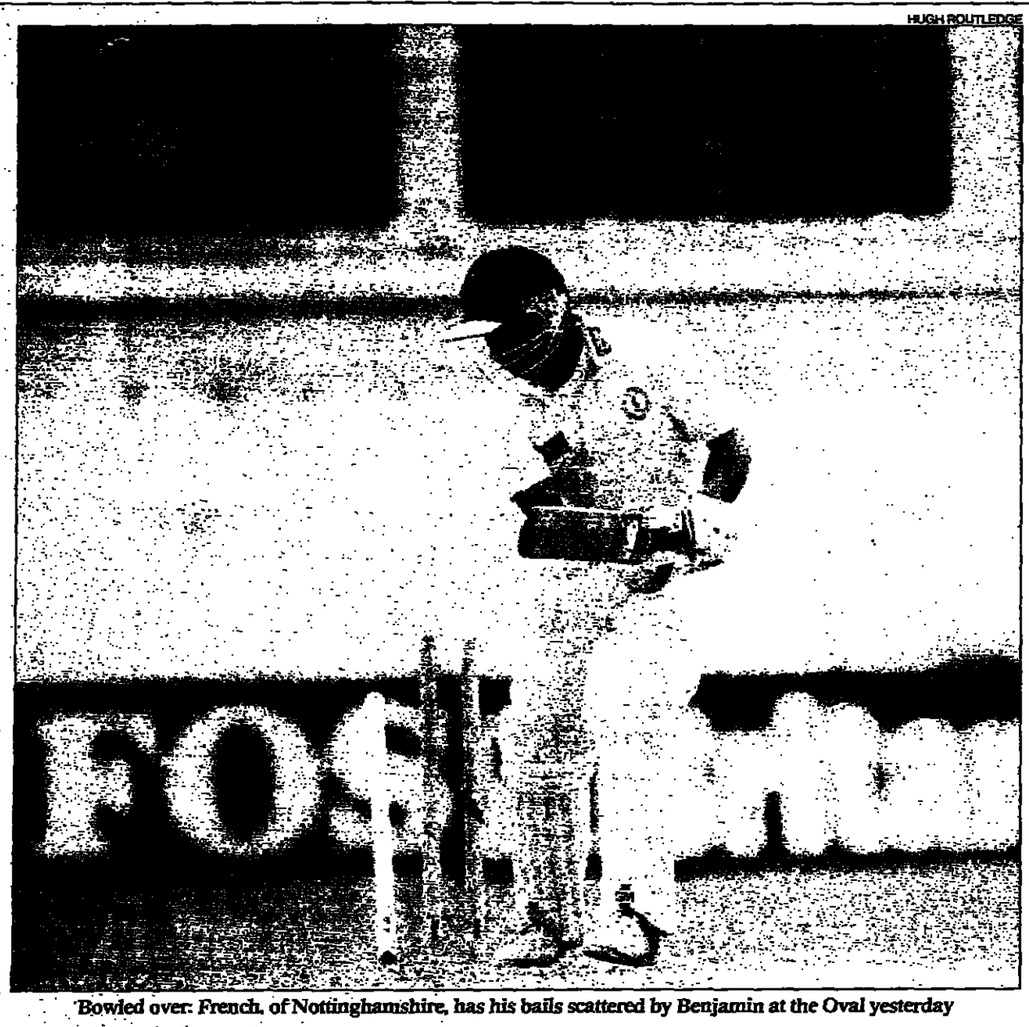
Benjamin is not exactly in the first flush of youth. When cricketers reach 32, they start thinking about benefits. Benjamin, who arrived at the Oval from Warwickshire last year, is not even capped and, in all honesty, may struggle to get a new contract when his present one expires.

His opportunities were limited at Edgbaston, behind Donald, Small, Munton and the 1,001 bits-and-pieces bowlers Warwickshire seem to have on tap. When you cannot find regular employment on the slow seamers they favour, a sensible chap has to reconsider his position.

Benjamin's wonderful day extended to his fielding. It was his half-stop at cover off Pollard's drive that encouraged Saxelby, the non-striker, to think there was a single to pick up. Saxelby had plenty of time to think again, on the way to the pavilion, when Benjamin swiftly returned the ball to Kendrick, the bowler.

After Robinson was leg-before to Murphy, Benjamin returned to have Johnson neatly caught in the gully by Boiling. Pollard was taken equally well at short leg by Smith before Cairns, accompanied by Evans, batted through to the close.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Bowled over: French, of Nottinghamshire, has his bails scattered by Benjamin at the Oval yesterday

Malcolm advances case for Test recall

By Geoffrey Wheeler

DEVON Malcolm, under the approving eye of the England team manager, Keith Fletcher, pushed hapless Gloucestershire to new depths of depression as he advanced his claims for a recall to Test cricket at Cheltenham yesterday.

On a pitch on which Derbyshire had piled up 521, Gloucestershire were rushed out for 139 in 30.3 overs. Malcolm accounting for numbers three to six in the order to leave the innings beyond repair. The fast bowler's return of four for 77 would have been more impressive but for a spate of no-balls during his 15-over spell.

Extras, at 30, were top score for the championship chopping blocks for whom only Dean Hodgson and Jack Russell, who both made 25, offered much resistance. Alan Warner swept through the tail to finish with five for 27. Although Gloucestershire showed greater resolution second time around, their sorry display is likely to be reflected in the attendance for the first Saturday of the festival.

Robin Smith belied his reputation as an indifferent player of spin by pulling Hampshire out of trouble at Southampton where they had been reduced by 106 for five by Warwickshire's Paul Booth and Neil Smith. The England batsman hit three sixes and 16 fours in his 131, wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes helping him add 151 for the sixth wicket as Hampshire built up a lead of 104.

Yorkshire's fallibility against leg spin was exploited by Mushtaq Ahmed at Taunton, where the visitors lost three second-innings wickets to the Pakistan bowler, who passed 50 for the season, while adding 63 to their first-innings lead of nine over Somerset, before Richie Richardson steadied the ship.

Neil Lenham, having dominated the first day with the bat, shone with the ball against Durham, who fell away after Wayne Larkins had scored an 88-ball century to give them a fine start to their reply to Sussex's 440. Larkins and Paul Parker added 177 for the second wicket before both fell to Lenham who ended with career-best figures of four for 13 with Durham at 279 for seven.

Essex, the fading champions, are in danger of their third successive defeat at Chelmsford, where David Leatherdale was unbeaten with 119 when the Worcestershire innings closed at 379. Essex, in reply, are struggling at 217 for six, despite a sprightly 65 from Nasser Hussain.

Crawley leads Lancashire to fine victory

By Our Sports Staff

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three): Lancashire beat the Australians by five wickets

LANCASHIRE deprived the Australians of their unbeaten tour record at Old Trafford yesterday, taking advantage of generous declaration by Mark Taylor to gain a five-wicket victory with four balls to spare.

They were led to success by this year's Cambridge University captain John Crawley, 21, who played a glorious innings of 109 to underline his potential, which has already been noted by the England committee.

Crawley, whose brother Mark plays for Nottinghamshire, has followed in the footsteps of the new England captain Mike Atherton, studying at Manchester Grammar School and Cambridge before becoming a member of the Lancashire staff.

Atherton, who was not playing in the match, was an admiring spectator as Crawley handled the spin of Shane Warne and Tim May with great aplomb and will be able to give his fellow selectors a glowing report when they meet this weekend.

Lancashire were set 227 for victory in what turned out to be 61 overs and Crawley and Gehan Mendis made rapid inroads into the target with an opening partnership of 81 before Warne struck for the first and what proved to be the only time.

Crawley, Lancashire's youngest player, refused to be overawed either by the challenge or the bowling as he kept the runs flowing at the required rate. He stayed 194 minutes, faced 180 balls and stroked 11 fours before hitting May to Michael Slater at square leg.

Warne and May then bowled tightly to induce a bout of Lancashire jitters. But Mike Watkinson, captaining Lancashire in the absence of both Neil Fairbrother and Atherton, hit Warne for a boundary in the penultimate over. He then cracked May for a six with four balls remaining to seal Lancashire's first win over the Australians since 1972.

Earlier, Australia's big batting batting guns had, for once, failed to fire, and they were indebted to Matthew Hayden, who scored 79, for being able to declare at 194 for eight, left-arm spinner Alex Barnett causing them most trouble while taking four for 83 in 25 overs.

☐ The Indian batsman Vinod Kambli has been severely reprimanded for his behaviour towards an umpire in the second Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo. Kambli glared at the official and stood his ground for some time after being caught behind for four in India's second innings on Thursday. The match referee, Peter Burge of Australia, said yesterday that Kambli had been warned of the consequences of any further breach of the ICC code.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 282 for 3 dec (M A Taylor 122, D R Martyn 70 not out, M L Hayden 61)

Second Innings

M J Slater c Hegg b DeFreitas	3
M L Hayden lbw b Watkinson	79
S R Waugh b Martin	17
†T J Zoehrer c Watkinson b DeFreitas	9
M E Waugh b Barnett	21
D R Martyn st Hegg b Barnett	38
S K Warne b Barnett	3
M G Hughes b Barnett	4
M A Taylor not out	7
T B A May not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 12)	13
Total (8 wkts dec)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-47, 3-65, 4-104, 5-160, 6-169, 7-187, 8-188.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 14-4-46-2; Martin 12-2-36-1; Barnett 24-5-83-4; Watkinson 8-1-28-1

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 250 for 7 dec

G D Mendis c Taylor b Warne	24
J P Crawley c Slater b May	109
S P Titchard run out	11
N J Speak not out	39
G D Lloyd run out	6
J E R Gallian c Hayden b May	0
M Watkinson not out	14
Extras (lb 15, lb 4, nb 6)	25
Total (5 wkts)	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-134, 3-196, 4-208, 5-211.

BOWLING: Hughes 6-1-20-0; Holdsworth 2-0-11-0; M E Waugh 2-0-13-0, May 25.2-3-69-2; Warne 24-7-61-1, S R Waugh 1-0-8-0

Umpires: B Dudleston and M K Reed

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Leicestershire

CANTERBURY *(second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs behind Kent*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 249 (V J Wells 81, T J Boon 72, M A Ealham 4-40)

Second Innings

T J Boon c Llong b Headley	0
*N E Briers not out	9
J J Whitaker not out	20
Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total (1 wkt)	35

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0

BOWLING: Headley 5-3-8-1; Ealham 3-0-20-0; Hooper 2-0-3-0.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Nixon b Mullally	15
*M R Benson b Benjamin	4
R P Davis c Boon b Mullally	2
N R Taylor lbw b Benjamin	86
C L Hooper lbw b Parsons	13
N J Llong not out	35
G R Cowdrey lbw b Benjamin	1
M V Fleming c Nixon b Benjamin	6
†S A Marsh b Benjamin	5
M A Ealham b Wells	59
D W Headley c Nixon b Mullally	28
Extras (b 11, lb 8, nb 18)	37
Total (105.2 overs)	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-16, 3-35, 4-80, 5-159, 6-165, 7-171, 8-182, 9-276.

BOWLING: Benjamin 22-8-46-5; Mullally 29.2-6-80-3; Parsons 18-6-43-1; Wells 13-0-43-1; Pierson 18-3-41-0; Potter 7-3-18-0.

Bonus points: Kent 6, Leicestershire 5.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and N T Plews.

Gloucestershire v Derbyshire

CHELTENHAM *(second day of four): Gloucestershire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 245 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Dawson b Walsh	18
P D Bowler c Hinks b Gerrard	20
J E Morris lbw b Hancock	229
C J Adams c Russell b Walsh	0
T J G O'Gorman c Broad b Walsh	0
D G Cork c Hinks b Alleyne	104
M J Vandrau b Walsh	57
†K M Krikken c Russell b Alleyne	40
A E Warner c Hancock b Cooper	19
S J Base b Cooper	0
D E Malcolm not out	1
Extras (lb 6, w 5, nb 22)	33
Total (110.1 overs)	521

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-48, 3-58, 4-68, 5-404, 6-472, 7-484, 8-513, 9-518.

BOWLING: Walsh 30.1-10-96-4; Gerrard 19-0-125-1; Cooper 28-4-119-2; Smith 18-0-108-0; Alleyne 11-2-55-2; Hancock 4-0-18-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson b Base	25
S G Hinks lbw b Warner	15
R I Dawson c Krikken b Malcolm	11
B C Broad c Krikken b Malcolm	0
M W Alleyne c Base b Malcolm	0
T H C Hancock c Krikken b Malcolm	19
†R C Russell c Krikken b Warner	25
*C A Walsh lbw b Warner	9
A M Smith b Warner	1
K E Cooper *c sub b Warner*	0
M J Gerrard not out	4
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 24)	30
Total (30.3 overs)	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-59, 3-81, 4-81, 5-89, 6-90, 7-116, 8-128, 9-129.

BOWLING: Malcolm 15-0-77-4; Warner 7.3-1-27-5; Base 8-2-30-1.

Second Innings

G D Hodgson not out	54
S G Hinks c sub b Warner	16
R I Dawson b Malcolm	46
B C Broad not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 8)	10
Total (2 wkts)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-123.

BOWLING: Base 8-3-23-0; Warner 8-1-28-1; Vandrau 9-2-30-0; Adams 4-0-36-0; Barnett 7-2-9-0; *Malcolm 4-2-10-1.*

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Derbyshire 8.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Harris.

Durham v Sussex

DURHAM UNIVERSITY *(second day of four): Durham, with three first-innings wickets in hand, need 11 runs to avoid the follow-on against Sussex*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Scott b Brown	88
C W J Athey c Smith b Cummins	36
D M Smith lbw b Cummins	38
†A P Wells c Scott b Cummins	0
M P Speight st Scott b Graveney	51
†P Moores c Scott b Cummins	9
F D Stephenson c Larkins b Cummins	90
I D K Salisbury c Hutton b Cummins	22
A C S Pigott c Parker b Graveney	52
E E Hemmings not out	8
E S H Giddins c Hutton b Hughes	1
Extras (lb 7, lb 12, w 8, nb 18)	45
Total	440

Score at 120 overs: 373-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-135, 2-139, 3-139, 4-220, 5-237, 6-270, 7-344, 8-395, 9-439.

BOWLING: Cummins 36-9-115-6; Brown 25-4-101-1; Hughes 29.3-6-91-1; Bainbridge 16-3-47-0, Graveney 24-7-48-2, Smith 5-1-19-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler c Stephenson b Pigott	4
W Larkins c Pigott b Lenham	108
P W G Parker lbw b Lenham	88
S Hutton b Salisbury	41
P Bainbridge c Moores b Lenham	0
I Smith c Wells b Salisbury	8
†C W Scott b Lenham	2
A C Cummins not out	24
†D A Graveney not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 10)	22
Total (7 wkts, 80 overs)	276

S J E Brown and S P Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-181, 3-194, 4-194, 5-203, 6-206, 7-262.

BOWLING: Pigott 14-1-53-1; Giddins 6-0-36-0; Stephenson 11-0-48-0, Salisbury 19-4-77-2; Hemmings 15-4-38-0; Lenham 15-3-19-4.

Bonus points: Durham 5, Sussex 7.

Umpires: V A Holder and J W Holder.

Essex v Worcestershire

CHELMSFORD *(second day of four): Essex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, need 12 runs to avoid the follow-on against Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*†T S Curtis c Gamham b Such	65
M J Weston c Prichard b Such	40
G A Hick c Gamham b Ilott	33
D B D'Oliveira c Gooch b Such	6
D A Leatherdale not out	119
S R Lampitt c Such b Andrew	14
†S J Rhodes c Gamham b Andrew	10
P J Newport c Hussain b Andrew	0
C M Tolley c Hussain b Such	10
R K Illingworth c Gamham b Salim	58
N V Radford lbw b Stephenson	14
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 1, nb 14)	20
Total	379

Score at 120 overs: 305-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-130, 3-144, 4-145, 5-166, 6-187, 7-197, 8-220, 9-362.

BOWLING: Ilott 19-5-35-1; Andrew 24-5-79-3; Stephenson 8.3-2-34-1; Pringle 18-2-48-0; Such 39-9-92-4; Childs 23-8-63-0; Salim Malik 12-1-34-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

*†G A Gooch c Hick b Lampitt	31
J P Stephenson c sub b Lampitt	44
P J Prichard b Hick	28
Salim Malik b Illingworth	1
N Hussain c and b Tolley	65
†M A Gamham not out	29
D R Pringle b Lampitt	7
M C Ilott not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (6 wkts, 86 overs)	217

P M Such, S J W Andrew and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-80, 3-89, 4-143, 5-187, 6-202.

BOWLING: Newport 4-1-14-0, Tolley 18-4-55-1, Lampitt 16-3-37-3, Illingworth 24-12-33-1; Radford 5-0-25-0; Hick 14-4-36-1; D'Oliveira 4-2-5-0; Curtis 1-0-7-0.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: R Palmer and R A White.

Somerset v Yorkshire

TAUNTON *(second day of four): Yorkshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 110 runs ahead of Somerset*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 244 (C White 74 not out, R B Richardson 45; G D Rose 4-33)

Second Innings

*†M D Moxon b Mushtaq	11
A P Grayson lbw b Mushtaq	24
D Byas b Mushtaq	20
R B Richardson not out	28
†R J Blakey not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total (3 wkts)	101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-44, 3-63.

BOWLING: Caddick 12-1-43-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 21-6-47-3; Mallender 8-5-8-0; Lathwell 1-1-0-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst run out	30
M N Lathwell c Byas b Batty	37
N A Folland c Grayson b Stamp	29
R J Harden b Gough	13
*C J Tavaré c Blakey b Batty	0
†N D Burns b Batty	2
G D Rose lbw b Hartley	41
Mushtaq Ahmed c Moxon b Batty	14
A R Caddick b Gough	20
N A Mallender not out	36
A P van Troost b Gough	8
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 8)	11
Total (82.4 overs)	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-65, 3-90, 4-93, 5-103, 6-177, 7-136, 8-165, 9-220

BOWLING: Hartley 10-2-29-1; Gough 17.4-4-54-3; Robinson 12-3-38-0; Stamp 17-7-33-1; Batty 26-7-80-4.

Bonus points: Somerset 5, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: K E Palmer and J H Hampshire.

Surrey v Nottinghamshire

THE OVAL *(second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 103 runs ahead of Surrey*

SURREY: First Innings 228 (A D Brown 60; J A Afford 5-64, K P Evans 4-51)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Lynch b Benjamin	12
M Saxelby c Brown b Murphy	0
M A Crawley lbw b Benjamin	0
P Johnson c Stewart b Kendrick	5
*†R T Robinson c Stewart b Benjamin	24
C L Cairns lbw b Benjamin	0
C C Lewis lbw b Benjamin	13
K P Evans c Bicknell b Murphy	0
†B N French b Benjamin	0
M G Field-Buss not out	5
J A Afford c Stewart b Kendrick	3
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 1)	6
Total (66 overs)	68

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-10, 4-30, 5-30, 6-54, 7-55, 8-58, 9-59.

BOWLING: Benjamin 13-7-19-6, Murphy 12-6-22-2, Boiling 4-3-4-0, Kendrick 7-2-11-2; *Smith 2-0-7-0.*

Second Innings

P R Pollard *c Smith b Kendrick*	97
M Saxelby run out	36
†R T Robinson lbw b Murphy	26
P Johnson c Boiling b Benjamin	7
M A Crawley c Brown b Kendrick	4
C L Cairns not out	55
C C Lewis c Lynch b Kendrick	1
K P Evans not out	36
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (6 wkts)	263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-139, 3-149, 4-168, 5-175, 6-203.

BOWLING: Benjamin 20-9-56-1; Murphy 9-3-22-1; Boiling 29-13-44-0; Smith 7-0-40-0; Kendrick 31-10-100-3.

Bonus points: Surrey 5, Nottinghamshire 4

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

Hampshire v Warwickshire

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of four): Hampshire have a first-innings lead of 104 runs over Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 190 (S D Udal 4-51)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Small b Booth	35
R S M Morris lbw b Small	7
R A Smith b Reeve	131
D I Gower b N M K Smith	3
*†M C J Nicholas c Piper b Booth	4
K D James c Piper b N M K Smith	5
†A N Aymes lbw b Reeve	74
M D Marshall c Piper b Bell	12
S D Udal c and b Bell	7
M J Thursfield not out	0
D P J Flint c and b Bell	4
Extras (b 6, w 1, nb 4)	11
Total 111 overs)	294

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-73, 3-88, 4-97, 5-106, 6-257, 7-264, 8-269, 9-290.

BOWLING: Small 11-2-32-1, Reeve 21-5-43-2, N M K Smith 40-7-85-2; Bell 16-5-47-3, Booth 23-4-81-2.

Bonus points: Hampshire 6, Warwickshire 4

Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian.

Benjamin plays pivotal role as Kent slip then recover

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs behind Kent

KENT and Leicestershire are engaged in a rare old tussle. Throughout the match, the advantage has flowed first one way, then the other. Yesterday, it was Kent's turn to right themselves after suffering the ravages of some rapid and destructive bowling. The hand responsible belonged to Winston Benjamin.

In a spell of 11 overs, shortly after what must have been a high-octane lunch, Benjamin captured four wickets for 14 runs. In that time, he not only cut short the progress of Neil Taylor, who had, by then, made 86 and was at his most fluent, but ripped out the Kent middle-order with really fast bowling of a high order.

To add to Kent's woes of that time, Llong, who had batted sensibly while Taylor was going strong, received a black eye from a ball from Mullally at the opposite end that lifted spitefully. He retired hurt. From 159 for four, Kent were quickly reduced .. 182 for eight, with Llong undergoing treatment in the dressing room and what could conceivably have been their last two batsmen at the crease.

All Kent could be proud, however, at the great good sense and application shown by Ealham and Headley as they first resisted then counter-attacked to such good effect that they put on 94 runs for the ninth wicket and saw Kent to an unlikely lead, later stretched to 42 when Llong returned.

Just to rub in a little salt, Llong, his vision apparently unimpaired, caught Boon in the gully off the first ball of Leicestershire's innings, bowled by Headley, of whom Leicestershire had by now seen quite enough. Briers and Whitaker saw out the day, but you had the feeling that more surprises lie in store in this absorbing game.

Kent's relatively healthy position owed something to negative influences as well as the positive contributions of Ealham and Headley. With their partnership in its comparative infancy, Benjamin had strained a stomach muscle. His absence from the attack, especially after tea, when he could have been expected to send down a few searing overs, was as important to the pattern of Kent's innings as the way Ealham set about the men of lesser pace. For someone who only this week had been released from service by his county, Benjamin's effort had been either impressive or contrary, whichever way you look at it.

The newish ball and early life in the wicket made difficulties for Taylor and the other early starters when play resumed with Kent two wickets down and 28 runs on the board. Ward was hardly into his stride when Mullally had him caught at the wicket. With Hooper gone, Kent were had 80 runs on the board for the loss of four wickets, with much resting on the shoulders of Taylor. Taylor gradually assumed command, with Llong a willingally. Taylor produced some beautiful straight driving and fell when only 14 runs short of claiming more centuries than any other Kent batsmen on this ground.

As for Ealham, whether bowling, fielding or batting, he never seems to give less than full measure. Yesterday, he hit eight fours in his 59, made in just over two and a half hours, and was full value for the paying spectators.

☐ Two Glamorgan youngsters will be thrown in the deep end when they make their first-class debuts against Australia at Neath tomorrow. Injuries to the opening batsman, Steve James, and the all-rounder, Roland Lefebvre, mean a call-up for the second XI batsman, James Williams, and the left-arm spinner, Stuart Phelps, 17, who plays for Ynysgerwen in the first division of the South Wales Cricket Association. Hugh Morris and Matthew Maynard will both have chances to impress before the fifth Test at Edgbaston next week.

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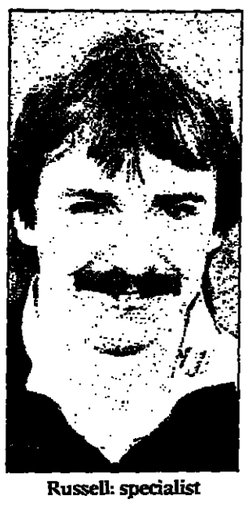
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CRAWLEY CENTURY SETS UP VICTORY OVER AUSTRALIA

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Early problem for Atherton as selectors meet to choose side for fifth Test at Edgbaston

Stewart's role keeps England occupied



Russell: specialist

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

MICHAEL Atherton and Alec Stewart are on the best of terms; we have the word of both of them on this. It is ironic, therefore, that when the new England captain joins the selectors for the first time this weekend, top of the agenda could be the sensitive matter of redefining a role in the side for the losing candidate in the captaincy election.

It has been a wretched week for Stewart and the disappointments may not be over yet. The first matter the selectors must decide is whether he should continue keeping wicket in the remaining two Ashes Tests, beginning at Edgbaston next Thursday, or whether, as Atherton may instinctively prefer, to recall the specialist, Jack Russell.

The balance of the side rests on this decision. So, too, does Stewart's peace of mind. For while he has no strong wish to hang onto the gloves — the job has ruined his Test batting average — without them he has no fixed abode. Keith Fletcher, the team manager, has repeatedly expressed himself satisfied with Stewart's dual responsibilities, yet what is the point of pursuing a theory when it is so fundamentally flawed that Stewart, when keeping wicket, averages seven fewer with the bat than Russell?

Ted Dexter disclosed on Wednesday that Stewart would be Atherton's vice-captain for the remainder of the summer, which indicates his place is safe, though as Dexter has since had to apologise for a different indiscretion about Stewart, father and son, nothing should be taken as read. Plainly, however, Stewart deserves a chance to re-establish himself as a top-order batsman without the burden of keeping wicket.

In an ideal world, he would like to resume opening, which is not a strong possibility. Atherton himself will be going in first and if his partner next week is not to be Mark Lathwell, it is likely to be a familiar figure with a spring in his usual shambling gait. Rid of the captaincy, and maybe feeling more relaxed for it, Graham Gooch should find himself back in the job he does best and which, given his head, he would not have surrendered.

Stewart, then, is likely to remain at No 4 behind Robin Smith and there can be little argument that Graham Thorpe and Nasser Hussain deserve a third Test each, at least. The same may not be true of Lathwell, a brilliant and intuitive player of fast bowling who should be told now that he is bound for the Caribbean this winter, then sent back to Somerset to patch up his slightly shaken form.

He is likely to be joined by his county team-mate Andy Caddick, for similar reasons. Perhaps it is a mental problem, but he has simply not learnt to bowl naturally in Test cricket, as his performances for England and Somerset are worlds apart. Only when taking three cheap wickets on England's euphoric final day at Trent Bridge has he shown his true colours; that spell apart, his return from four Tests is a melancholy two for 456.

Martin McCague is a definite non-starter, following his stress fracture of the back, and if a replacement of comparable pace is being sought, it is no coincidence that Fletcher has spent the past two days watching Derbyshire. Devon Malcolm is an obvious choice for the last two Tests, especially as he was also a conspicuous success on the last Caribbean tour and can be expected to go again.

Dominic Cork, also of Derbyshire, would be a strong candidate, too, as a third seam bowler capable of batting at No 7. But after impressing Fletcher during his maiden century on Thursday, he sustained a hamstring strain — typical, this, of the injury misfortunes that have consistently prevented England putting out their preferred bowling attack. If Cork has to be discounted, Steve Watkin would be a good pick for the likely conditions, though a return for Chris Lewis, on the ground where he played his best cricket for England two years ago, cannot be ruled out.

The lack of spin bowling at Headingley was a poor piece of selection, surely not to be repeated on a pitch which has turned in county games even when, as against Middlesex recently, Warwickshire did not want it to. Peter Such and Phil Tufnell, in fine form for their counties, should both be in the party.

My 13 would be: Atherton (captain), Gooch, Smith, Stewart, Thorpe, Hussain, Russell, Bicknell, Ilott, Tufnell, Such, Malcolm, Cork or Watkin.

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Stewart: vice-captain



DENZIL MEREFLANCE

With 40,000 seats to fill at Cardiff Arms Park for the bout between Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, and Frank Bruno on October 1, the promoters have wasted little time in getting the circus on the road. But the verbal blows of the first head-to-head meeting between Britain's leading heavyweights fell woefully short in London yesterday (Srikumar Sen writes).

Bruno, above, turned up for the press conference at the Cafe Royal only to find Lewis 6,000 miles away in California, "detained on business". The telephone exchange that followed was not quite the stuff to make the punters rush to ring one of the four special telephone lines put in at the office of Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, for ticket bookings, but it was, at least, confirmation that the on-off match was definitely on.

Speaking to a sleepy Lewis, 4am Pacific Daylight Time, a disappointed Bruno said: "It's very unprofessional that Lewis is not here. This fight is taking place in Wales, Britain, the UK and he should be at the press conference for a photograph with me to prove this is a serious issue, that the fight is going to happen. I don't have a share in Concorde to get him here. When I beat him, I'll give him a ticket to go back to Canada."

Bruno, who failed in two challenges for the world title, against Tim Witherspoon and Mike Tyson, is confident he will be successful this time. Having been five rounds with Mike Tyson he believes he will be able to handle Lewis. "I don't think Lennox could kiss Tyson's boots, that's not hype," Bruno said. "And Witherspoon was a very good fighter in his day. I just can't wait to get to Lewis.

"I've got a lot of fans in Wales." Bruno said, "but when it comes to fight time I won't know if there is 2,000, 3,000 or 20,000 in the stadium, my mind will be so concentrated. I've got the power and technology to beat him, although I respect Lennox's confidence and sweet moves. But when I get into the ring, there is going to be a nuclear war coming."

Lewis, who has been making a computer-games film in California, did not think Bruno would be around long enough even to press the button.

"I don't intend to give him a chance to warm up," Lewis said. "There is no possibility Bruno can win. His only chance is if I let him, and I don't intend to. When the fight comes about, there will be a lot of questions going through his mind, like can he still do it and that he'll get hurt."

"Go back to sleep and get used to sleeping" Bruno said.

Another meeting is planned for Cardiff next week after which Lewis will return to the United States to train for six weeks. Bruno, who has engaged an American sparring partner for £15,000, will go back to Essex to set up camp close to home, at Belhouse School.

Tottenham can shift spotlight

By Russell Kempson

TOTTENHAM Hotspur, the club, remains a battleground as Alan Sugar, the chairman, and Terry Venables, the former chief executive, continue to cross legal swords. What effect the high-powered bickering has had on Tottenham Hotspur, the team, will begin to emerge in north London today and tomorrow.

White Hart Lane hosts the Makita International tournament with Tottenham, Chelsea, Lazio, from Italy, and Ajax, of Amsterdam, providing the spectacle. Nostalgia will be high, with Osvaldo Ardiles, Steve Perryman, Paul Gascoigne and Glenn Hoddle returning to pastures old.

Ardiles, the new Tottenham manager, was brought in by Sugar to sweeten the departure of Venables. He left behind a bitter West Bromwich Albion and inherited an equally disenchanted Neil Ruddock, who alleged broken promises and joined Liverpool for £2.5 million. Perryman arrived from Watford as Ardiles's assistant and Colin Calderwood has moved from Swindon Town, the FA Carling Premiership newcomers, to replace Ruddock.

No such acrimony at Chelsea, where Hoddle, who guided Swindon into the Premiership last season, is clearly as at peace with Ken Bates, his chairman, as he ever will be. Sages suggest Stamford Bridge is on the brink of a new era, with Hoddle, 35, still keen to inspire as much on the pitch as off it.

Keen eyes will be focused on the midriff region of Gascoigne, the Lazio and England midfield player, after reports of over-indulgence on the food front during the summer break. Chants of "Sumo" may not be restricted to the England-Australia Test series.

Gascoigne declined to discuss his hopes and fears at a pre-tournament press conference yesterday. He turned around at the door and announced he was off to lunch. "You have to consider the enormous pressure he is under," Dino Zoff, the Lazio coach, said. "He wants to concentrate on his game and I'm happy with that."

PROGRAMME: Today: Chelsea v Ajax (12.55pm); Tottenham v Lazio (2.55pm). Tomorrow: 3rd/4th place play-off (12.30pm). Final (2.30pm).

☐ Bryan Robson will play for Manchester United in their pre-season match against Benfica at Old Trafford today. United are still waiting to hear if the Football Association will be taking any action after his sending-off in the 2-0 defeat against Arsenal in Johannesburg last weekend.

Sweden choose clay courts for Davis Cup semi-final

By Our Sports Staff

SWEDEN intend to use clay courts for their Davis Cup tennis semi-final with Germany in September, it was confirmed yesterday. The Swedish Davis Cup captain, John-Anders Sjogren, said that the slower, harder surface would give his team their best hope of victory against the Germans, who prefer faster grass courts, in Sweden from September 24 to 26.

"Clay suits most Swedish players," Sjogren said. "When Stefan Edberg — a grass-court expert — is playing well, the surface really doesn't matter. So let's hope he's in top shape for the Davis Cup match."

Edberg, ranked No 3 in the world and based in London, reached the 1989 French Open final and has played well on clay this year. He did not play in the Davis Cup quarter-final against Holland two weeks ago because his wife was expecting the couple's first child. Nevertheless, Sweden went on to win the away match 4-1 after Magnus Gustafsson won both his singles rubbers. Gustafsson, who beat Michael Stich, likely to lead the German team, in the finals of an ATP tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, last weekend, is expected to share singles duties with Edberg against the Germans.

Magnus Larsson, Sweden's other singles player in the quarter-finals, is also a contender after a fine clay court season in Europe, Sjogren said.

The semi-final will be played indoors at the 8,000-seat Kupolen arena in the northern Swedish city of Borlange, Germany, with Stich and Marc Goellner as singles players, beat the Czech and Slovak republics 4-1 on grass in Halle, Germany, in the quarter-finals.

Sweden also picked clay for the 1988 Davis Cup final, but the ploy backfired as Germany won 4-1. One year later, Boris Becker returned to lead Germany to a 3-2 victory against Sweden on carpet in Stuttgart. In their only previous final, Sweden won 3-2 in Munich in 1985.

India will meet Australia on grass at Chandigarh in the other Davis Cup semi-final. India upset France 3-2 in the quarter-finals in Frejus, France, and Australia had a 3-2 victory over Italy in Florence.



Edberg: singles hope

American football struggles amid Barcelona festivities

By Richard Wetherell

WHILE the National Football League expands its American Bowl series to Barcelona tomorrow, Britain's American football national final between the London Olympians, the defending champions, and the Glasgow Lions takes place at Maidenhead RUFC.

It may be the home of the Thames Valley Chargers, beaten 41-14 by the Olympians in the semi-final, and a fine venue, but it is a big comedown from the scene of previous finals, such as Crystal Palace and the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

Without sponsorship, it was always going to be a tough season for the NDMA, but attendances have remained solid, if from an extremely low base. "That has to do with no money being put forward for promotion of the League," Ron Weisz, the League chairman, said.

Pre-season plans for three regional conferences of five teams disintegrated as teams withdrew. That led to conferences containing three, five and six teams, with the ugly consequence of one team qualifying for the play-offs despite winning just two games from six. Other teams in other conferences played between seven and ten times.

"Most teams had to struggle through," Weisz admitted. "I don't know how we'd survive if we had to go through another year as we are."

The NFL's gift to the citizens of Barcelona of a pre-season game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Pittsburgh Steelers is partly due to the reception they gave the Dragons side in the World League of American Football.

"There was strong support for the Dragons and it's part of our efforts to increase our commitment to Europe," Dick Regan, managing director of NFL International, said. "We wanted to do something else in Europe."

Other games are next Saturday in Berlin and Sunday at Wembley.

Putting his World League hat on — Regan is vice-president of European operations — he said that plans for the League to return in 1994 after this year's suspension would be finalised next month.

"We are very comfortable about where we are at and we feel good about the way things are going. If it does get the go-ahead, the London Monarchs would face primarily European rivals."

Not that a team called the Monarchs will appear only in 12 months' time if ambitious plans by Terry Smith, of Manchester, to establish a new league, the UK Conference, are realised.

Players have been chosen and names decided upon — the Monarchs is one of eight — but players registered with the NDMA are barred from registering for another team in Britain.

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WEEKEND

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As Cowes Week gets under way, **Libby Purves** celebrates an institution cheerfully thriving after 178 years

JAKE SUTTON



Fair blows the wind for the future: Cowes Week is certain to endure, because "any institution that has been going downhill for 178 years is so comfortingly British that we will never, never let it go"

On the crest of the social wave at Cowes

Cowes Week is in decline. But then, it has been ever since 1853. "The nobility and gentry", said a commentator sniffily in that year, "are no longer coming to Cowes as they did once." After the 1914-18 war *Yachting Monthly* asked sorrowfully: "What did the old Cowes die of?", and in 1945: "Cowes Week is bound to die."

This year, Land-Rover has withdrawn most of its sponsorship, leaving the Regatta some £100,000 short: entries are reputed to be down by a hundred, and the Navy has so few warships left that for the first time the royal yacht *Britannia* will have no guard-ship. So the old song goes up again, that Cowes Week is not what it was.

This is wonderful news for those who love it: what surer guarantee could there be that it will last forever? Any institution that has been going downhill for 178 years is so comfortingly British that we will never, never let it go. Especially as it has nothing to do with the intellect: even *Yachting Monthly*, for heaven's sake, announced back in 1946 that Cowes Week was "philistine", and indeed it is. You are unlikely to find Melvyn Bragg debating The Novel in Society with Fay Weldon on the *Yacht Haven* pontoons. But then, if a boating competition may not be a bit philistine, what may?

1815 is a handy year on which to fix the Week's beginnings. Before that year, like every other fishing town, the Isle of Wight's capital held its own contests for workboats; but in 1815 the Yacht Club — later the Royal Yacht Squadron — was formed, and from that moment the regatta rapidly developed a social dimension. It fitted nicely between the end of Goodwood and the Glorious Twelfth.

Those were the days when yachtsmen were still gentlemen, and did not have to spend hours trying to unblock their own marine toilets. They wore reefer-jackets, and gave orders, and had their own code-book of indispensable flag signals, such as "I can strongly recommend my washerwoman", "Have you any green baize to spare?", "Send off a glazier to repair my sashes", and "Can you spare me your violinist/some orange marmalade/a chessboard/a soup tureen/stomach pump?". I have not made these up. They are in Royal Yacht Squadron Signals of 1840.

Such owners were not necessarily as passionate about winning as they are today. I always rather like the spirit of Mr Herbert Weld, explorer and archaeologist, of Lulworth Castle. His habit was to go below half an hour before the race, with *The Times* under his arm, and often not reappear until the race was well under way. "Hallo!" he would say casually, looking around at the press of great sails on the Solent. "We've started!"

Not an enthusiast: but like many others, he must have considered it socially essential to carry on a family tradition of yachting. To leave, of one's own accord, the Royal Yacht Squadron once in it would be unthinkable. It has always rather prided itself on being the hardest of all clubs to get into. Generations have suffered secret anguish from its famously capricious way with the blackball and the cold-shoulder. Sir John Burgoyne, an early member, blackballed a nervous candidate for greeting him quite innocently with: "How pleasant it is to see an old Cowes face!" He also once tried to ban a guest for having his arm round a lady's waist in public at dusk (it turned out the poor man was only leaning on a sundial).

Sir Thomas Lipton, whose grocery fortune was thought not quite good enough, failed to get in, and furiously sailed up and down in front of it flying the hoist "MOBYC", which stood for "My Own Bloody Yacht Club". There was a blackball posted against the Earl of Cardigan, hero of the battle of Waterloo; and a century later the notorious matter of Peter Jay, our ambassador to Washington in the 1970s and a transatlantic yachtsman. His supporters withdrew at that time before it reached a blackball because — members have assured me under the strictest lobby secrecy — of his wife. But Mr Callaghan was in office: his wife, I said innocently, was the prime minister's daughter! "Wrong sort of prime minister," murmured my source. Not quite, er, our sort of prime minister at all . . .

I dwell on the Squadron, not because it is by any means the only club involved in Cowes Week (races are directed from its balcony and sailed from its start-line, but organised by a different one of the Cowes Combined Clubs each day), but because it still dominates the social and racing hierarchy of the Week, much as its squat grey castle dominates the waterfront. These half-sporting, half-social British events depend on their frisson of class-consciousness: Ascot has its royal enclosure, Wimbledon its royal box, Cowes has *Britannia*'s cocktail party and the Squadron Ball (at which, by tabloid tradition, at least one royal prince must be romantically linked with an 18-year-old Sloane).

From this eminence, the social pyramid slopes decorously downward via the bar of the Royal London (strictly members and guests only, ties worn), the Island Sailing Club (competitors welcome, buy a badge, ties not essential but "smart casual"), the Royal Corinthian (members and guests, blazer and tie after 8.30pm), and the Cowes Corinthian, up-river, which cheerily welcomes all visiting yachtsmen, even us humble cruising families who have only come to see the fireworks.

> The Solent's double tides punish hung-over navigators

At the bottom of the pyramid decorum crumbles away rapidly in the tent-and-caravan city behind the East Cowes marina, where penniless but athletic crews find it convenient to shack up, among the racketty discos of West Cowes, and the pubs where drunken crews, foreign sailors off visiting warships, and assorted visiting troublemakers swing punches, fall over, and attempt to grope underdressed blondes in T-shirts proclaiming "I only do it with Flying Fifteens". The lurch downmarket is compounded this year by the arrival of McDonald's, which has struck a deal that it can sell burgers if it provides litter collectors in the Yacht Haven, and by the atrocious rumour that a bungee jump will be available, from a crane extended over the harbour.

And then, of course, there is the sailing. Yachting has become, since the days of Mr Weld's untroubled reading of *The Times*, both cheaper, more populist and far more athletic: most boats are smaller and faster than our ancestors would have dreamt possible. Among the Olympic classes and the fast, wet, modern cruiser-racers there are still some venerable anachronisms such as SCODS (South Coast One Designs, small graceful cruisers dating from 1954) and Darings (fast dayboats designed in 1961 and much favoured by the RYS which, while brushing off all manner of social climbers, has taken in a number of extremely young and otherwise undistinguished members, merely because they sail Darings).

The racing is intriguingly hard, and sometimes dangerous. Local knowledge pays off: not only were the Solent's double tides designed by God to punish navigators with hangovers, but the Bramble Bank is conveniently situated right between Cowes harbour-mouth and Southampton Water, and generally captures a couple of unwary boats, which then have to dry out pathetically lying on their sides until the tide comes back and bangs them violently up and down before floating them off. Others, trying to be clever by creeping over a contrary tide off Cowes Green, will provide entertainment to onlookers by coming too close and going on the Grantham Rocks (even better entertainment if there is a royal prince on board one such, as there was last year).

This mixture of catastrophes and cocktails is at the heart of the appeal of Cowes; just as the unchanging uncertainties of the horse make an appealing contrast to the sophistication of the hats in horseracing events. Because the sea is always the sea, and August weather usually foul, there will at best be crashes and rages and upsets, and someone will always get an unscheduled wetting.

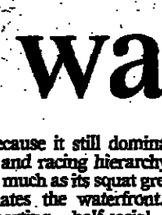
Even coming ashore to dinner in decent clothes is never quite safe. Not now, in the age of the ubiquitous grey rubber dinghy, which always seems to deflate slightly in the evening cool and treacherously fill your trouser-seat with salt water; not in the year 1890, when on one terrible night by the Royal Yacht Squadron steps, "a boat from Lord Bute's yacht with ladies aboard was upset. Lady Howard of Glossop being thrown into the water".

To make things infinitely worse, Lady Howard was the owner's mother-in-law. Do not think, as the squawks and squabbles and shouts of laughter arise over Cowes Roads this year for the 179th time, that anything essential has really changed.

● *The painting above, "Racing in the Channel Race", is one of a cycle of watercolours of Cowes by Jake Sutton at the Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 until September 2.*

Guess who's coming to dinner, alone?

WEEKEND VOICE: Sally Baker



"Ah, Sally, here you are. Come in, come in, you look *marvellous*, you've lost some more weight and those trousers are new aren't they, I love silk but if you spill the vichyssoise down them it's your look-out ha ha. Yes, straight through, we're having kir on the terrace, it's almost warm enough.

"Look everyone, here's Sally. Darling, get Sally a drink. Now, I think you know everyone. Claire and Bill, Tom and Janie, Chris and Yvonne . . . ah, and this is Tim."

Oh no. Not again. And Laura's going to give her usual excruciating introduction. Brace yourself, Tim.

"Tim lives in that gorgeous barn conversion on the corner by the pub, did a lot of the work himself actually, didn't you Tim, very clever with his hands, although how he found the time as well as running his own company I've no idea, oh, and he has to cope domestically too now, because he's separated, aren't you Tim . . ."

My turn. "And this is our friend Sally, we've told you about her before, she's a journalist, we always say she's the cleverest one of us, we're so proud of her, she lives in the sweetest old cottage the other side of Tunbridge Wells, done wonders with it, it's absolutely delightful, isn't it darling? Sally's divorced, Tim, got a lovely teenage daughter, clever like her mother, although I bet she'll never cook as well as you, you must give me that recipe for the walnut tart we had last time, sheer heaven."

Poor Tim. He looks more aghast than I feel. Better say something, I'm getting good at this.

"So, Tim. Hallo. Don't panic, Laura does this to me all the time. Nothing much is expected of you. She'll sit us together at dinner but if you prefer, inexplicably, to talk to the intellectually-challenged but safely married *bimbo* on your other side, she won't blackball you from the Dog and Duck quiz league and I shall get over it.

"I in turn am not remotely interested in starting a new relationship, although if I were I frankly doubt that it would be with a short bald chap in a cheap blue blazer. Still, I wish you and your barn all the happiness in the world."

Actually, these bits take place in my head. It is what I would like to have the honesty to say. Instead I smile, ask Tim or Bob or John all about himself, listen brightly to the answers, express deep interest in his planning tussles over the barn conversion, and gnash my teeth that Laura ruined what should have been a perfectly pleasant dinner by subjecting me yet again to the tyranny of coupledom.

When I was married, we gave dinner parties. My husband took little interest in the planning, cooking or inviting for them, other than to be told who was coming and when. I organised them, and I invited — well, couples. But our friends were mostly coupled then. Many of them have subsequently uncoupled themselves, some to do it all again with unseemly haste, others content to get on with the DIY and the supermarketing largely partnerless. Until, that is, we come up against the hostess with an obsession for having pairs at her table.

Why? What is it that offends about an odd number? Is she worried that a rogue female will play footsie with someone's husband — or wife — and further endanger the careful symmetry? Listen, we rogue females are too tired after a working week of lusting after the office juniors to have any energy for hanky-panky at weekends. Weekends are strictly for Sainsbury's, gardening and gentle relaxation.

Is the motive a philanthropic desire to play matchmaker and ensure happy-ever-afterness for her friends? Well, if she's that sincere, how come the Tims of this world don't come better looking, huh?

Is the problem that Marks & Spencer only sells its orange-and-garlic marinated chicken breasts in even numbers? Freeze one, for goodness' sake.

I like being the odd one out at dinner parties, honestly. I enjoy relaxing with old friends without having to explain the joke about the book that fell in the swimming pool in Tuscany to the other odd one out, who wasn't there with us. I hate having to parade my antediluvian chat-up lines so as not to disappoint my hostess, while three other couples silently award marks out of ten for form, content and style and will definitely want to know later whether Anything Came Of It.

So, Tim. Do tell me about your company. An innovation in extruded ferrous digitally-remastered widgets, wasn't it? Actually, you won't believe this, my father was in widgets. And Laura tells me you're thinking of taking up bungee-jumping. I must say, it looks awfully dangerous. Tell me all about it.

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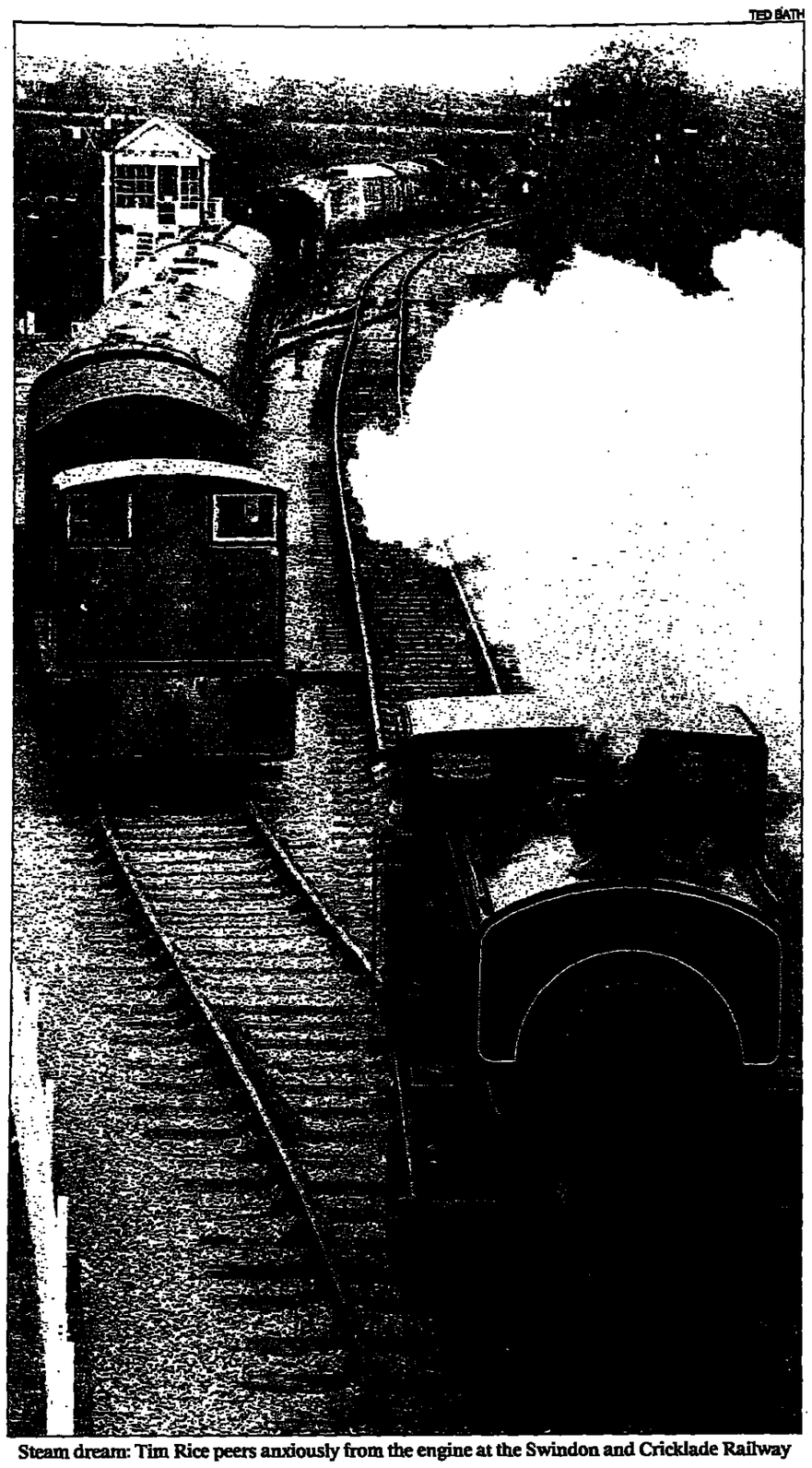
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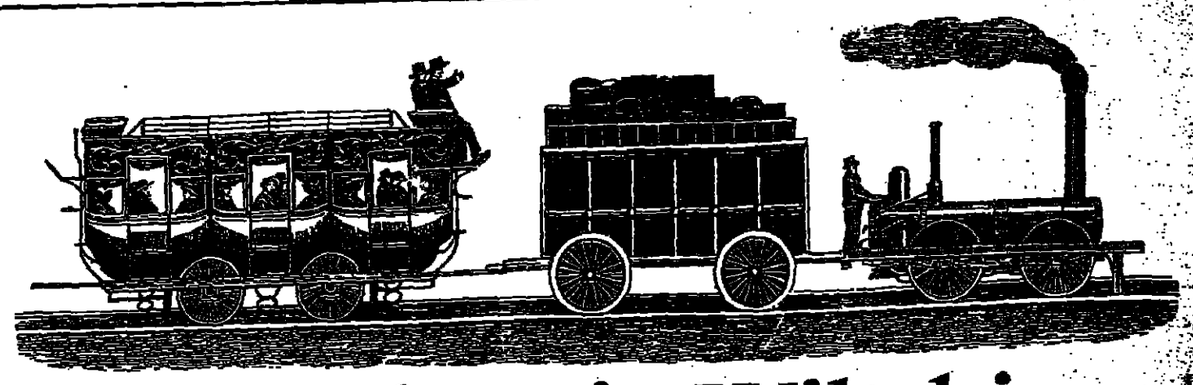
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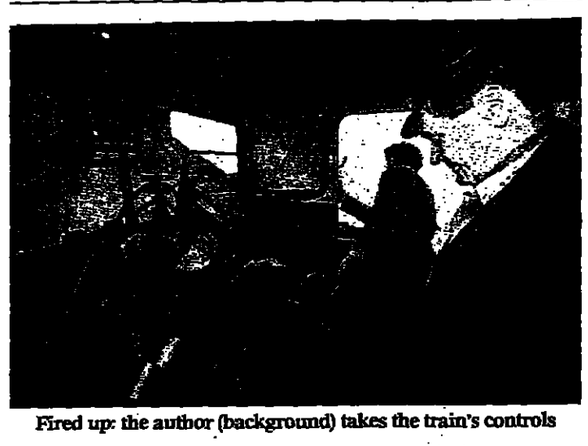

TED BATH

Steam dream: Tim Rice peers anxiously from the engine at the Swindon and Cricklade Railway



Going loco in Wiltshire

Tim Rice learns how to drive a steam locomotive during a weekend course



Fired up: the author (background) takes the train's controls

Richard Trevithick, the Cornish engineer who built one of the first steam locomotives nearly 200 years ago, would probably have choked on his ale at the thought of a small blue engine bearing his name rattling back and forth along a single mile of track, driven by someone who has never even stepped on a footplate before.

It is 25 years since British Rail ran its last scheduled steam service. Nostalgia descended quickly and special trips were organised the very next weekend. Today, steam train pleasures are not confined to passengers; now anyone can learn to drive a locomotive during a weekend course organised by the Pear Tree hotel at Purton, near Swindon, with the Swindon and Cricklade Railway.

In the heart of the Wiltshire countryside, the tiny Blunsdon station is not yet the kind of place to which visitors flock. So far, this 13-year-old railway has been a project for steam enthusiasts: the mile of track was laid with their own hands, replacing what BR had torn up long before. They bought up locomotives, carriages, wagons and a signal box. But there is still a long way to go — three and a half miles — until the route is complete.

"Everything is either hot, hard or heavy," Brian Hains, the course instructor, tells his three aspiring drivers on the first morning. "Richard Trevithick" is sitting outside, hard and heavy but cold as stone.

It takes three hours to fire him up, enough time for a spot of theory in the classroom and a few safety tips. Then, after crawling underneath the engine to oil the moving parts, polishing up the Thomas-the-Tank-Engine blue paintwork, loading coal into the bunkers, stoking up the fire, checking the water levels in the glass pipes, and making sure the steam pressure is high enough, you feel as if you know the old fellow quite well. And he is itching to get going, hissing, spluttering and rumbling.

Next, it's into gear, unscrew the handbrake, push the steam brake off, give a couple of toots on the whistle, and ease the regulator (throttle) down: almost miraculously, the engine grinds forward and gathers pace.

"Without wanting to get too Freudian about it," Mr Hains says, "it's about the closest a man can get to giving birth. What was a cold lump of metal is living and breathing. And it's a different challenge each day, with people united in their purpose. It's easier to share than to describe."

The railway depends on members like Mr Hains showing up at weekends, in all weathers, to inch a little closer to their goal: Haydn, an air traffic controller and part-owner of "Richard Trevithick", who scorns anyone staying away to watch the Grand National (which was derailed that day anyway); Bob, the station master, who demonstrates how to use the signal box; Dennis, a former driver, who tells stories about his first job as a "knocking-up boy", rousing the train crews in the early morning; Jake, now a lorry driver but a former fireman, full of shrewd hints and tips.

Jake gave the briefing at the hotel on the Friday evening, when we were issued with our boiler suits and gloves. And he was there each day, dapper in red neckerchief and peaked cap, demonstrating how to shovel coal without spilling any.

If the coal in the firebox is not distributed evenly, the engine rattles in irritation and you have to adjust the dampers that control the air flow. With the intense heat, you have to angle the shovel blade so you can see inside more easily. The coal burns quickly, but proper Welsh steam coal is hard to get — and expensive.

The railway has no convenient benefactor to write cheques. It has to rely on open days, railway dinners in the dining car, profits from the canteen and takings from the Let Off Some Steam weekends (£300 per person per weekend from the overall charge goes into their coffers). The bridge over the nearby river — using two previously unused girders spotted lying around by a local angler — alone cost £31,000. Then there is the engine shed, its roof almost finished but no walls yet.

On the first day, punctuated by cups of tea and lunch in the canteen, most students reach the stage of being able to drive the engine with help from the expert alongside on the footplate. Slowly it all becomes familiar, and for those whose physics extends to a failed O-level there are the basics of how locomotion actually occurs. A fireman's job involves keeping a balance between the boiler pressure, the water level and the fire.

By the second day, it is time to do some shunting. Now this is *really* playing with trains. You must move the regulator smoothly, as you would the clutch of a car. The equivalent of letting the clutch out too fast results in lurching forward. If you do this when you are coupled up to a line of wagons, you might ruin the coupling as the trucks cannon into one another. But if you slide gently forward and then speed up, you have the thrill of pulling a hundred tons or more behind you. "Richard Trevithick" seems to like it too, and chugs rhythmically with the effort, like Ivor the Engine.

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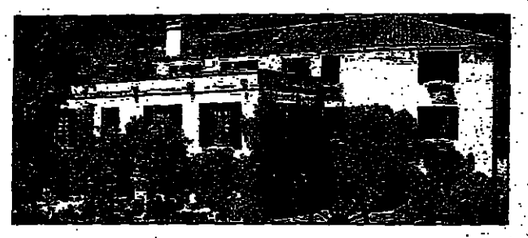
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Dear farm-sitter, having an anxious time...

If you think that British farmers are in a state of continuous belly-ache, you should hear the latest from the French. It was reported in this newspaper that small farmers, who make up the bulk of the 40 per cent of the French who do *not* go on holiday, suffer from a condition called "anxiety due to failure to depart".

Well, my Gallic friends, I can tell you one thing far worse than failure to depart, and that is the departure itself. As this farm gets ever more complicated and convoluted in its ways, going on holiday has become mental torture.

This is because I work this farm on my own, by and large, using only occasional help with the great set-pieces of the farming year, such as lambing, hay-making and harvest. The rest of the time, the farm is run entirely from my head. But when I have to go away I have to somehow *unload my memory and write it down in a form that the farm-sitter* can understand. It is always the same chap, so at least I do not have to draw him a map, but things



change remarkably rapidly here and what might have been fine a couple of months *ago would not work now.*

The trouble is, any note I write looks so stupid. Take the lambs, for example: I could simply say "Check for *fly-strike*", but there is one particular lamb that derives a great deal of intimate, personal pleasure from rubbing itself on the corner of the water-trough. The result is that it gets a damp flank which, from a distance, looks exactly like the early symptoms of strike. But I would not wish the sitter to be distracted from checking all the lambs by writing something which would lead him to assume that any lamb with a damp flank was an uncontrollable trough-hugger. So, should I describe the *lamb in detail, perhaps have a* Photofit picture drawn?

Then there's Phoebe, one of our sows. She has just been weaned from a strong litter of piglets, who have been drawing from her every drop of milk. The result is that she is a little *thinner than I would wish*, and so I would like to see her plumper when I get back. But not too tubby, as she will be more difficult to get into pig if she carries too much weight. So, shall I ask for her to be fattened to a precise size and, if so, how do I begin to describe the perfect form?

You might think that livestock are among the most difficult to leave in someone else's charge, but farm machinery as old as ours also has a life of its own, and its care must be planned for. We have recently been renovating an old contraption and found that after having various shafts reground and cogs rebuilt, *there is almost three-quarters of an* inch of play in the whole machine. We need washers to make up the difference. Now, a woman I know thought she might have some wash-



ers in the roof of her garage and took away one of a similar size so that she could compare. But if she does not have one, she will leave the one I gave her on the seat of the imple*ment as a sign to the engineer who is* doing the repair that she is, indeed, without a washer. He will then have the required metal-work carried out. And so it becomes vital that if this washer should be placed on the implement seat, it should not be moved for the purposes of twisting open a dog-food tin or some other such trivial task.

Should I trust that all will run smoothly? Such faith has never worked yet on this farm, and I cannot see it mending its ways while I am away.

But these are trifling matters compared to the bulk of the notes that I must pass over to the farm-sitter. There is the sequence of events to be gone through to get the corn-grinding mill going; this mach*ine exhibits similar behaviour to a* toilet cistern that will flush only for its master.

Then there is the plastic coupling that holds the hose that connects to the tap that runs through the long grass that goes over the ditch and along the electric fence and feeds the ballcock (that sometimes sticks and needs a kick, but not too hard or the plastic will split again). Well, *that* plastic coupling has a bit of crack in it and if you do not go out and tighten it every other day, the pigs' trough will run dry.

My wife has just breezed in from work asking if I have cancelled the milk and the papers. *L'anxiété du départ* mounts. To hell with it. The *pigs can eat the milk and papers for* all I care. I'm off.

● *Readers experiencing anxiety about Paul Heiney's departure are assured that his column will appear next week.*

New home on golden ponds

Threats to pond life in Cheshire have prompted a huge preservation programme. **Stanley Blenkinsop** reports

It was a problem that might well have baffled Gussie Fink-Nottle, despite his lifelong love of his dumb chums the newts. What would Bertie Wooster's friend have done to save 12,000 newts, frogs and toads facing almost certain death in Cheshire?

Peaceful pools teaming with amphibians dot the lush meadows and quiet wood*lands* of the Cheshire plain. But 17 ponds, some of them among the richest in amphibian life, lie in the path of an £87 million road improvement scheme to *bypass* the congested town centres of Handforth and Wilmslow.

The threatened pond-dwellers include the crested newt, a species protected by law and so *dear to Fink-Nottle*, who had particular admiration for the courting ritual of the male. As Gussie said: "Do you know how a male newt proposes? He just stands in front of the female newt vibrating his tail and bending his body in a semi-circle. I could do that on my head. No, you wouldn't find me grousing if I was a newt."

To Cheshire county council, the ponds and their fauna are "a distinctive feature of the landscape", says Ian Marshall, the county's principal conservation officer.

Maps show there were *41,546 ponds in the county in* 1870, but the last survey, in 1985, indicated just 16,964 — a decline of almost 60 per cent. Nearly 6,000 ponds were lost in the 16 years to 1985. Even so, almost a tenth of Britain's ponds are still in Cheshire (a much higher proportion than in Fink-Nottle's native Lincolnshire).

Not wishing to lose any more amphibians, the council has sanctioned a £170,000 preservation programme to move them to new watery homes before the roadbuilders arrive. Penny Anderson Associates, an ecology consultancy based in Chinley, near Stockport, has been asked by the council's highways department to mastermind the biggest operation of its kind ever *attempted in Britain.*

The 17 threatened ponds are being replaced by 21 others. Some have been excavated by mechanical diggers; others are "revitalised" pools, which had dried out or silted up but have now been cleaned and refilled.

Newts, frogs and toads have and toads have been moved, with the remaining few hundred to follow in the next few weeks.

Everything has been done to make their new homes as attractive as the old ponds, with water and plants transferred from the doomed habitats. To combat the instinct to "go home", spawning in the new environment is made easier by laying tree branches *in the water to* which the amphibians can attach their spawn.

To ensure the safe arrival of the amphibians at their new homes at spawning time, *there are plans to* install "amphibian tunnels" under the new roads into which they will be diverted.

Dr Peter Tattersfield, the Penny Anderson ecologist *behind the scheme*, says: "The aim is to preserve a vital feature of the countryside. The entire operation has been very carefully planned."

Because crested newts are protected by law, Dr Tattersfield and his assistants needed government permits to move them *just a few hundred yards to the* new ponds.

The team is determined to save as many amphibians as possible. As water levels in the threatened ponds are gradually reduced this summer, the silt and mud will be carefully checked for the last few "residents".

Councillor Derek Bateman, chairman of Cheshire's environment services committee, says: "The pond restoration programme shows the county council's commitment to safeguarding these wetland habitats, not only for the people of Cheshire but for the nation."

The hapless Fink-Nottle who, according to Wooster, "gave up his life to his dumb chums the newts", would certainly have celebrated. But hopefully not with a decanter of whisky and a jug of orange juice laced with gin — the snifter that left him as intoxicated as a proverbial newt.



As well as moving the newts to new waters, the ecologists have to combat their homing instinct

BARRY GREENWOOD



Toad haul: ecologist Peter Worrall of Penny Anderson Associates transfers the amphibians to their new habitat

Feather report

The pheasant's running battle

There are few finer sights than a cock pheasant standing at the edge of a wood and trumpeting. In the sunlight, its head and neck are a glittering green, and its body glows like bronze. It is adorned with ear-tufts, red wattles round its eyes, and a white neckband. It presses its long, barred tail to the ground, flaps its wings a couple of times, sends its double call ringing across the fields, then flaps its wings vigorously again. It is inviting hen birds to join its harem, and warning off other cock pheasants.

The bird has been doing this in Britain since Norman times, and possibly since the Romans were here, but until the late 18th century, there was one difference: it did not have the white neckband. The "British pheasant", as it is sometimes called, was brought from the Caucasus, and lacked this ornament. In the last quarter of the 18th century, a closely related sub-species, the Chinese ring-necked pheasant, was introduced. It quickly interbred with the old immigrants and now it is rare to see a cock pheasant without the Chinese bird's white collar. Pheasants still crow throughout much of Asia, in their native woods and reed beds.

The cock pheasants have *several mates — much dowdier* birds, with shorter tails, who do all the work of incubating the eggs and caring for the young. They each lay about a dozen creamy-brown eggs on a scrape in the



Mates: the cock pheasant (right) is bold and colourful, the hen a smaller, dowdy bird

ground. I remember once flushing a hen pheasant from a nest in a spectacular setting — under magnificent royal ferns in a wood on the Scottish island of Gigha. She exploded out of the ferns under our feet, scattering some of the eggs. Doubtless she would have reassembled them later, but we did it for her, and left them neatly in the hollow under its handsome canopy.

Now the woods and cornfields are full of young pheasants. You detect them in the ripening wheat by their strange squeals or the shaking of the ears of corn. If you come across one in long grass, it stretches its head out and then runs like mad.

Pheasants mostly prefer to use their legs rather than fly: they never migrate, and generally spend their whole life in the same small area. But they have flight muscles that enable them to rise quickly when they need to, after which they glide away over the bracken or through the tree-trunks, then land and start running. In the evening, they use their wings again when they fly up on to the branches of trees to roost. The fox is a deadly enemy to them, and they are out of its way up there.

Large numbers of pheas*ants have a more artifi*cial life then this. Though they hardly ever live wholly in captivity, many are rounded up by gamekeepers in the early spring and kept in safe areas to breed. Their eggs are collected and hatched in an incubator, and the young birds are then set free.

Many of the sprinting youngsters you come across just now started life in a gamekeeper's incubator. They forage in the wild, or glean any food, such as maize, that might be put down for them.

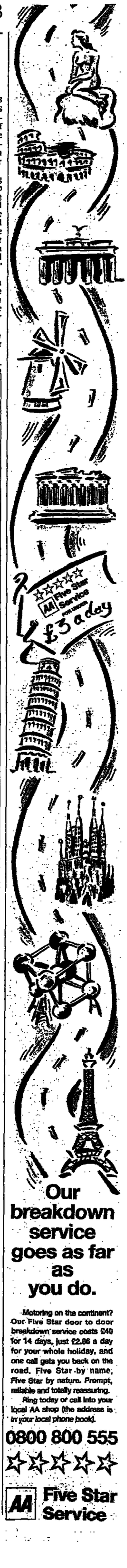
When fully grown, the cock birds will be as much as 3ft long, of which more than half will be the length of their tail.

Many millions of pheasants will be roaming the countryside in the next few months. Until the end of September they will be able to enjoy the autumn fruits in peace. Then, on October 1, the shooting will begin. Game experts have estimated that only about half of the young birds released into the wild are shot in the three months of the season. But as winter wears on, many other pheasants, both young *and old, are killed by preda*tors or succumb to disease.

By next spring, the numbers will have fallen to very much what they were last spring. The cock birds will be dividing up the woodlands and crowing out their defiant and amorous calls once more, and the cycle of life and death which draws man and bird together will be starting again.

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Jazz on Friday and Saturday nights at the Conran eating experience continues through the summer. *Frank Jeffery writes.* Starts at 11pm, ends at 3am and you can dance, if you can find room on the small floor. Last orders for food (special supper menu) in the restaurant are at 2am, midnight in the bar. From September a quieter regime will begin, with more acoustic music. — Jackie Garnier, who books the musicians, says the accent will be on "polite, sophisticated, elegant music, giving diners a chance to talk as well as listen". Twelve dishes available in bar from £3.25 to £6.25.

TASTES OF INDIA
Moat House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 219000)
Lali Nayar, UK Indian Chef of 1993, will be demonstrating how to cook four Indian dishes which guests will then eat at dinner with other Indian food. Cobra beer and Indian tea are included and there will be live Indian music. Dinner and demonstrations on three evenings: August 20, November 14, and March 11, 1994. Ms Nayar, a doctor's wife from Newcastle under Lyme who won the title after competing against professionals from all over the country, will offer different Indian cuisines on each evening. Reception, demonstration and dinner, £25.

WELSH FLAVOUR
St Olave's Court Hotel, Mary Arches Street, Exeter (0392 217736)
Lee Jones, finalist for three years running in the young Welsh Chef of the Year competition, has moved from the West Arms Hotel, Llanarmon, to St Olave's Court Hotel, which has arguably the best restaurants in Exeter. One of Mr Jones's specialities is a first course of an aubergine and red pepper terrine, crisped with pumpkin seeds. St Olave's hopes he'll lead it to its third AA rosette. Average dinner £22 without wine.

CORONET FOOD
The Cricketers Hotel, Reydon, Suffolk (0502 723603)
Adnam's the brewers has just done up the small Randolph Hotel in Reydon, near Southwold, and renamed it The Cricketers. Food is on the lines of the celebrated Crown Inn in Southwold itself, so Adnam's sees the place as a kind of mini-Crown, or coronet. Good bar dishes and the inn adjoins the cricket pitch. Sample: grilled cod with fresh vegetables £3.95.

CULTURE FOOD
Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool (051-709 7200)
Merseyside's historic hotel is looking both to the past and the future. The original Italian granite floor in the lobby has just been expensively relaid, after being carpeted for decades. And the French restaurant, Crompton's, is moving towards more modern, lighter food with sharper, more defined flavours. This goes down well with Japanese visitors (who come for Beatles tours) and American guests (who come for the Albert Dock development, culture at the local Tate Gallery and to visit nearby Chester). Prix fixe dinner £14.50, à la carte average £22 without wine.

Fowl deeds in France

Tales of cruelty plague the producers of *foie gras*, but **Quentin Crewe** finds the reality more palatable

La Belle Gasconne is Madame Gracia who, with her husband, runs the *auberge* at Poudenas, in that region of southwest France which was once a part of Gascony, and is now in the department of Lot-et-Garonne. More importantly, it is she who cooks the rich food of the region in their restaurant. Mme Gracia is a native of Poudenas. It may never have been her original intention to run a restaurant. When they married, she and her husband became farmers, raising geese for *foie gras*.

There can be no other food that provokes the furious passions that *foie gras* arouses, nor one so bedevilled by myth. The morally squeamish eagerly embrace tales of birds with their feet nailed to the floor beside the farmhouse hearth, being brutally force-fed for weeks and undergoing untold suffering in the name of gastronomy.

The facts are very different. Mme Gracia was indignant at the suggestion that there was any cruelty involved. The Gracias emphasised the importance of the relationship between the producers and their birds: "Every producer pretends that he has some special secret. One says he feeds the birds once a day, another says twice, yet another three times. Someone else will say that he uses red maize or white maize, but truly there is nothing in all of that. The one thing that is important is that the geese or the ducks are well cared for. They must love the person that feeds them."

The Gracias pointed out that the birds live a perfectly free life out of doors until they reach the age when their wings cross over each other at the back, at about four months. The *gavage*, or forced feeding, for duck lasts only 12 days. "The object is not to produce an enormous bird, but to develop its liver well. It is best to start with a fat duck, but a huge liver is not good."

A recent scandal about the treatment of ducks by the large industrial producers of *foie gras de canard* resulted in Switzerland banning all imports of *foie gras*. The producers were accused of cutting off the ends of the creatures' beaks to make it easier to force-feed them. Although ducks, the Gracias agreed, were more difficult to feed, they maintained that it was unthinkable that any Gascon farmer would contemplate doing such a thing. If they had a particularly awkward duck, they would let it go.

French *foie gras* has not been having an easy time lately. In 1990, national production reached a record total of 6,000 tons. The following year it was down to 4,000 tons. This was largely due to the importation of cheap *foie gras* from Hungary, other east European countries, and even Israel. The inevitable result of this has been a reluctance on the part of banks to help producers, and a consequent drop in quality.

None of this affects Mme Gracia, in whose restaurant one gets nothing but the highest quality, both of produce and cooking. She, as a former producer, knows what she wants. None the less, she buys only separate livers, because you cannot judge the exact quality and condition from the outside of a bird.

Mme Gracia's main supplier, Alain Cescalti, lives on a farm three miles away, just outside the small town of Mézin. He has 50 acres of land on which he keeps 1,800 ducks and 200 geese. Each group of 200 ducks needs living space of nearly 2½ acres.

The geese, which eat a lot of grass, live in a larger area, a long, sloping field, with views across the valley leading to Poudenas. Foxes are a hazard. M Cescalti has installed lights to deter them, "but nothing puts them off, they still come".

There was happier evidence of the geese's trust in M Cescalti. They crowded round him with no expectation of food. "To do this job, you must like it and like the creatures," he said. "I started when I was 15; my mother had an accident and I had to take over. It is essential only one person performs the *gavage*; one cannot change over in the middle."

The *gavage* is not the horrible thing that it is made out to be. It takes place in a special building that is kept always at a temperature of 10C. Nowadays, it is done mechanically. M Cescalti puts a tube down the bird's throat and a pump drives the maize down. The process lasts 30 seconds. He feeds the ducks twice a day for ten to 12 days, giving them a kilogram (2.2lb) of maize at each feed.

The geese are fed three times a day with a kilogram, and their *gavage* lasts 17 to 25 days.

I left M Cescalti's farm well satisfied that, for all the fuss, there are many far more brutal things done to animals by food manufacturers than ever befell a Gascon goose.

Of course, in these days of food faddism, another charge laid against *foie gras* is that it must be unhealthy, fat being anathema to health freaks. Recent research provides much merriment in this realm. The people of southwestern France eat twice as much *foie gras* as other Frenchmen and at least 50 times as much as, say, the average American.

In America every year, 315 out of every 100,000 middle-aged men die of heart attacks. In France generally, the figure is 145. In Toulouse, not far from the heart of *foie gras* country, the comparable number is only 80.

These statistics are deeply paining to American scientists, who are driven to wonder, contrary to all accepted health lore, whether France's better health is not due to a mixture of wine, olive oil and *foie gras* — three delights of gastronomy.

● *Edited extract from* Foods from France *by Quentin Crewe, with photography by John Brunton (Ebury Press, £15.99).*

JOHN BRUNTON



Awaiting the *gavage*: *foie gras* geese in Lot-et-Garonne, where they wander free out of doors until four months old

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COOK OF THE YEAR 1993

THE Times/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year 1993 competition will be launched in Weekend on Saturday September 11, when full details of the competition and an entry form will be printed.

The closing date for entries will be Monday September 27, and two days later 12 entrants will be notified that they have reached the finals. The finalists will then take part in the cook-offs, which will be held at Leith's School of Food and wine in London on October 5, 6 and 7.

The three prize-winners will be notified by the following day.

The final set of dates for your diary are October 28, 29 and 30, when the three prizewinners and their partners will travel to Bordeaux, with the judges and representatives of Baron Philippe de Rothschild (UK). The highlight of this trip is lunch at Château Mouton Rothschild, with a visit to the cellars.

There are more prizes, of wine, and, for the winner, not only a week's cookery course at Leith's School but the opportunity to work in the kitchen of our guest judge, Brian Turner, of Turner's Restaurant in London, who this year was elected chairman of the Académie Culinaire in Britain.

The other competition judges will be: Frances Bissell (chairman), Victor Ceserani, former head of the School of Hotelkeeping and Catering at Ealing College, Fiona Burrell, principal of Leith's School of Food and Wine, and Polly Adelsee, of Baron Philippe de Rothschild (UK).



Chef: Martyn Pearn, 34.
Born: Derby.
Restaurant: Buckland Manor, near Broadway, Glos (0386 853626).
Present: Cooks with a team of five in this part-13th century Cotswold stone manor house hotel, which gained its first Michelin star this year.
Past: College in Harrogate, Yorkshire, trained at the Carlton Tower, Knightsbridge, moved to the Connaught, Mayfair, then as sous-chef, later head chef at the Michelin-starred La Réserve in Bordeaux, which was a real challenge for an Englishman. "I learnt a lot of techniques in Bordeaux, but I wouldn't say it changed my cooking philosophy."
Future: Wants his own restaurant eventually, but doesn't aspire to anything as grand as Buckland Manor.
Personal: Travels a lot, especially in the Far East and South America. Can't keep out of the food markets and restaurants. "Wherever you go you can learn something about food." Likes clay pigeon shooting, doesn't blast off at the real thing.
Dish: First course of Scottish langoustines briefly steamed in leaves of a Savoy cabbage with a langoustine mousse, then coated with a *beurre blanc* of caviare and chives. "You need Savoy cabbage because it cooks better in the eight minutes steaming and adds to the look."
Price: Average à la carte dinner, without wine, £33.

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- **1983 Dom Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs:** *Majestic £32.50 a bottle (£27.63 by the case of 12 bottles).*
- **1990 Puligny Montrachet, Louis Latour:** *Majestic £15.99.*
- **1989 Chassagne Montrachet, Louis Latour:** *Majestic £15.99.*
- **1986 Château Piada Barsac,** *Waitrose £13.95.*
- **1989 Château Mayne des Carmes,** *Sainsbury's £15.45.*
- **Krug Grande Cuvée,** *Victoria Wine £65.99, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £59.50 (half bottle £29.75).*
- **1985 Roederer Cristal,** *Majestic £59.99, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £59.95.*
- **1985 Dom Pérignon,** *Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up £55.95, Victoria Wine £61.*

Jane MacQuitty on wines and food made for each other

Heavenly marriages

Had enough of the £2.99 bottle? Want to forget government gaffes, bad weather and our interminable recession? Then why not splash out on a treat. Indulging yourself is obviously not going to be cheap, but as with lower-priced wines, it is possible to get value for money, even from bottles with a £50-plus price tag.

Any sybarite's list of luxury wines will no doubt start with sauternes. In our abstemious wine-drinking country, all pudding wines have an air of decadence and indulgence about them. More so if you switch sauternes from its usual last-course position to a first-course and/or apéritif role. The French enjoy the former with gusto, the most famous and indulgent (and controversial) entrée being sauternes and *foie gras*. This may sound a liverish combination — which it is, if indulged to excess and, in my case, without plenty of sparkling mineral water — but the explosion on the tastebuds of tender, creamy, melt-in-the-mouth *foie gras* and a luscious, honeyed sauternes should be experienced at least once by every gastronome.

Château d'Yquem is the sauternes name — and rightly so. More economically priced sauternes bottles this summer include the 1990 Clos l'Abeilley (Sainsbury's, £8.25 half bottle) whose delicate, waxy, pineapple flavour would make a good apéritif. An equally good opener to a fine summer spread would be the elegant, grapey, perfumed 1986 Château Piada from Barsac (Waitrose, £13.95), whose lemon-gold colour and floral style I much enjoyed. Heftier still, and a better choice with *foie gras*, is the Lafite-Rothschild's 1989 Château Mayne des Carmes, with its rich, deep, almost oily, marzipan-like scent and taste (Sainsbury's, £15.45). If that is out of your price range, try a half bottle of the 1986 Barsac, Château Coutet (Majestic Wines, £9.99) with its fine, floral style. Coutet's Barsac neighbour, Climens, has a brilliant second wine in the 1984 Les Cyprès de Climens, with its delicious musky, pineapple palate Victoria Wine, £10.29).

The other much-extolled luxury wine and food combination is champagne and caviar. Like *foie gras* and sauternes, this magical gastronomic marriage is real, not imaginary. If your finances won't stretch to beluga, the cheaper caviars such as oscietra and sevruga are tailor-made for the likes of Krug, Bollinger and Roederer. Krug's glorious Grande Cuvée with its rich, hazelnut biscuit-like scent and taste takes a lot of beating, and so it should, priced at £56 or more a bottle (Victoria Wine, £56.59; Wine Rack and Bottoms Up, £59.50, half bottle £29.75).

But if you want top vintage champagnes, try Bollinger's 1985 Grande Année, whose bone-dry, crisp, herbaceous-biscuity character has plenty of that meaty underpinning that Bollinger is renowned for (Sainsbury's, £29.95, Thresher Group, £30.25)

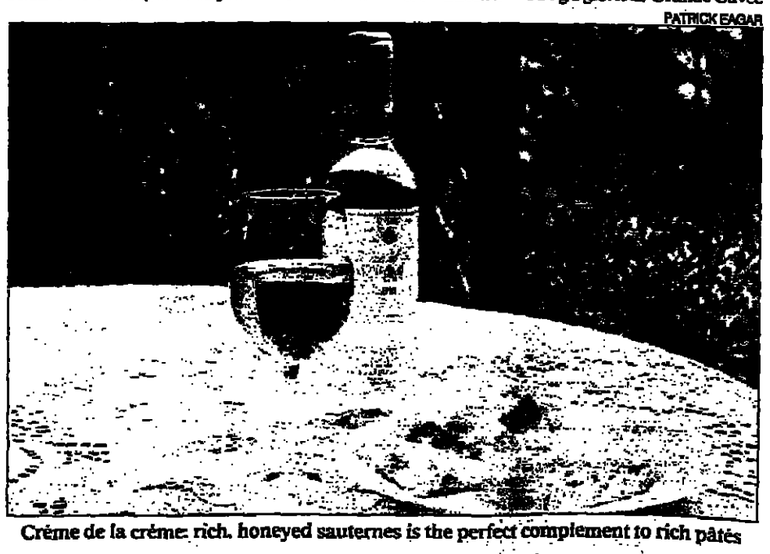
Roederer's top wine is Cristal, the 1985 vintage offering an intense, rich, honeyed, classic flavour on top of musky, herbaceous fruit (Majestic, £59.99).

An even finer 1985 is Dom Pérignon, Moët et Chandon's flagship (Victoria Wine, £61). This creamy, fruity, hazelnut-scented wine is worth every penny and, like all the great gastronomic affairs, needs to be tasted at least once.

The poor man's Dom Pérignon is the almost unknown 1983 Dom Ruinart Blanc de Blancs, with its intense, deep, aged nutty fruit (Majestic Wines, £32.50).

Another great summer treat is fresh, wild Scottish salmon, which is perfect with a great white burgundy. Two of the best in the high street this summer are the perfumed 1990 Puligny-Montrachet from Louis Latour, and the even richer and fuller, nutty 1989 Chassagne-Montrachet (Majestic Wines, both £15.99).

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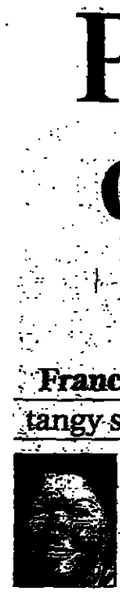
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Portugal on your palate

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, offers tangy sea dishes and tempting puddings

DIANA LEADBETTER





PORTUGUESE summer food, with its distinctive flavours and scents, is so simple that many dishes do not need recipes: for example, charcoal-grilled squid, sardines, swordfish and scabbard fish; salads of sweet onions and tomatoes; a bowl of olives and salted almonds to munch on while the fish is grilling, along with thick, chewy bread; a bowl of chilled fruit to finish; and a bottle of tongue-prickling *vinho verde* to wash it all down.

When travelling abroad, I call *such things* "follow your *nose*" food. Walking earlier this year through the streets of Tavira in the Algarve with my husband, Tom, we passed several eating places, but our noses led us to a small, dark restaurant where a powerfully good smell of charcoal-grilled fish drew us in. The meal that followed was simple, inexpensive and very good.

To recreate a taste of Portugal at home, I buy large lemons, bunches of fresh coriander, squid, clams, salt cod (if I can get it), and plenty of free-range eggs for the rich, eggy puddings that are so much a part of Portuguese cooking.

The first recipe, for a mixed salt fish and spinach pie, developed *from two sets of leftovers. I had* salted two tail fillets of salmon trout, as if making *gravad lax* — but without dill, pepper, sugar, or the optional spirit. The fish had been in the refrigerator for a week and was still good, very salty by now and rather dry and firm, having had the water drawn out of it by the salt. There was leftover salt cod, too. I soaked a piece of the salmon for 30 minutes and then rinsed and poached it lightly, which gave me two salted cooked fish.

Although the dish I created is my own invention, it is reminiscent of Portuguese dishes I have tasted — a *strudel* of salt cod, for instance, cooked by chefs of the Lisbon Ritz at a food festival in London, and a *tarta do bacalhau*, served at the Conventual, one of our favourite restaurants in Lisbon. The sweet *note from sultanas is important.* Use more than you think you will like. *If you cannot get sultanas*, use muscatel raisins or chopped, dried apricots. *Toasted flaked almonds* can replace the pinenuts.

Note: If you cannot get salt cod, but would like to try the dish, salt your own cod using the following method. Take a thick piece of cod fillet, skin it and place it in a shallow dish in which you have sprinkled two tablespoons of sea salt. Sprinkle two to three more tablespoons of salt on top, cover with clingfilm, weigh it, and refrigerate the fish for two to three days. *Pour away the brine that will form*, rinse the fish under a trickle of cold water for 20 minutes or so, and then poach it for a few minutes.

Salt cod, salmon and spinach pie

(serves 6)

1lb/455g cooked and flaked salt cod
8oz/230g cooked and flaked cured salmon, as described above
1 large onion, peeled and chopped
4oz/110g butter
6oz/170g sultanas
4oz/110g toasted pinenuts
3 heaped tbsp crème fraîche, or thick, plain Greek yoghurt
2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
½ tsp cinnamon
generous grating of nutmeg and about ¼ tsp of freshly ground black pepper
1lb/455g cooked, drained and dried spinach
6-8oz/170-230g puff, flaky or short pastry

Chop the fish quite small, using a food processor, if you wish, but without turning the fish into a paste. Slowly fry the onion in half the butter until soft and translucent, but without it browning more than a little. Mix into the fish, together with the sultanas and pinenuts. Mix the cream or yoghurt, eggs and remaining butter, and stir it into the fish, together with the seasoning. Spread the spinach on the bottom of a buttered pie dish. Spoon the fish on top and cover with a pastry lid. Decorate and glaze, if you wish, and bake in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6, for 15 minutes, and then at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for a further ten to 15 minutes. *It is* very good served with fresh peas.

Variation: If you want to serve the *pie cold, perhaps at a picnic*, use extra pastry, and line the pie dish with this so that you will have an enclosed pie. A handful or so of fresh peas can be stirred into the filling before baking.

Herb-stuffed squid

(serves 6)

12 or 18 small squid
3-4tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
10-12oz/280-340g cooked rice
2oz/60g black olives, stoned and chopped
3 or 4 ripe tomatoes, peeled, deseeded, and chopped
handful fresh coriander leaves, chopped
handful fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
a little thyme, rosemary, summer savory, or marjoram, chopped
salt, pepper
bay leaves
garnish: lemon wedges and fresh coriander

Pull the head and wings from the squid. Rinse, *chop* and reserve wings and tentacles. Remove the transparent quill-like "bone" from the body cavity, and rinse out all the other matter. In the olive oil, gently fry the onion until soft, and stir in the chopped pieces of squid. When these have firmed up and become opaque, remove the pan from *the heat.*

Mix together with the remaining ingredients, except the bay leaves. Spoon the stuffing into the cavity of each squid, not filling it too full. Flatten each pocket slightly, and thread three or four squid on wooden or metal skewers (wooden ones should be soaked for 20 *minutes before using*). *Push the* skewer twice through the top of the squid, just behind the opening so that the filling will be held inside. Alternate the pieces of squid with bay leaves. Brush with olive oil, and grill for about ten to 12 minutes on each side.

You will find that a cast-iron griddle or barbecue is ideal for grilling this delicious summer dish.

Variation: If you do not want to *grill the squid, they can be baked in* the oven. Place them in an oiled dish, splash on some white wine and olive oil, tuck in the bay leaves, and then bake for 25-30 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

"DO not even consider making this *unless you have a sweet tooth and* enjoy rich puddings." I once wrote *about the Portuguese sweet papos d'anjo*, or angels' throats. I have now created a new version, flavoured with roses, which makes a good finale to a buffet when no one is in the mood for a huge pudding.

If you have dark, fragrant, *unsprayed old-fashioned roses in* your garden, you can make an *exquisite syrup, which tastes of* roses and has a deep pink colour. William Lobb is the best variety I have come across for culinary use. Distilled rose-water, from a high street chemist, and a dash of food colouring will create something of the same effect. Use fresh or crystallised rose petals for decoration. This dish looks best served in *a glass bowl.*

First make the rose syrup. If using rose petals, which require steeping overnight, you will need enough to loosely fill a 1pt/570ml jug. Make sure you shake the roses first to remove any foreign bodies. If using rose-water, you will not need to steep.

Little soufflés in rose syrup

(makes 24)

Syrup

8oz/230g granulated sugar
6fl oz/170ml water
juice of half a lemon
approx 1pt/570ml rose petals

Stir the sugar into the water. Heat slowly until the sugar has dissolved, *and then bring to the boil.* Add the lemon juice and tip in the rose petals. Let the mixture come back to the boil, and then turn off the heat. Leave to steep, overnight if possible, then strain into a bowl. If using rose water, simply make the sugar syrup as above and stir in rose water to taste.

Soufflés

4 free-range egg yolks
4 free-range egg whites

Butter and flour two 12-hole bun tins. Whisk the egg yolks until pale and foamy. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, and fold carefully into *the egg yolks. Place a soup spoon or* so of the mixture into each hole of *the bun tin and then bake in the top* half of a pre-heated oven at *220C/425F*, gas mark 7, for about five minutes, or until just set.

Remove each little soufflé from its mould, and allow to cool slightly on wire racks, just until set enough to hold the shape.

With two forks, dip each one into *the syrup, and transfer to a shallow* bowl. Pour the rest of the syrup over, and *chill* until required.

Variation: You can make a lemon syrup quite easily by infusing lemon zest, lemon balm, or lemongrass in the syrup. Or you can flavour the dish with cinnamon, cloves, or, as in the traditional Portuguese version, with vanilla.

The real pull of a good pint

More than 40,000 serious drinkers will visit next week's Great British Beer Festival

JACK DANIELS



Studied consideration: British beer is renowned for its taste, texture and flavour

You are what you drink. Anyone who visits the Great British Beer Festival next week will discover that. There is a sort of train-spotter element among those who sup nothing but real ale: the carrier bags and anoraks, beer bellies and beards give this annual festival an atmosphere somewhere between a student union do and a folk festival. That Gordon Giltrap — of the Zapata moustache and lengthy guitar solos — is booked as the headline entertainer reinforces the image.

But it is too easy to scoff at the wholesomeness of the real ale movement. Were it not for Camra (Campaign for Real Ale), the organisers of the Great British Beer Festival since it was first staged in 1975, the chances are that the cherished British local would no longer exist in a form which Chaucer, Shakespeare and Betjeman would recognise.

Against a background of insipid-tasting, mass-produced beers, Camra was founded to fight the good fight to preserve real cask ale. For its purposes, "real" ale excluded lagers and brewery-conditioned, filtered and pasteurised beers, but included traditionally brewed bitters, milds and strong ales.

The battle that ensued was David v Goliath, tradition v the profit motive, the little man v the conglomerate. And David has won.

Eighteen years on from the first festival staged in London, when about 100 beers were available, this year's festival, which opens at Olympia, west London on Tuesday, will have some 400 different brews on tap (including ciders, perries and foreign beers). The *Good Beer Guide*, which in 1974 had 96 pages, now runs to 510 pages, including more than 100 on the breweries and their different beers, of which there are thought to be about 1,000 available in Britain. The small, independent brewers and their pubs are thriving. And most of the leading, larger brewers now consult a Camra representative.

Beer's image is changing. The diversity of beers and improvement of pubs mean that beer is no longer swilled but relished, by women as well as men, who are as much connoisseurs of their tipple as are wine-drinkers.

By law, many pubs must now offer a "guest" beer. That the new chancellor enjoys a pint has even raised hopes that for the first time in a while, any budget excise increase *may not be carried solely by* beer-drinkers.

Next week, a pint will be sold for every second the festival is open. About 40,000 beer-drinkers will revel in the chance to taste some of the *more gloriously named* local ales: Hogshead and Pigor Morris from Uley's brewery in Gloucestershire, Old Fart from Robinwood, Yorkshire; or Brown Willy, named after a tor near its brewery at Tintagel in Cornwall.

Of course, there may well be a degree of drunkenness at the festival, a place where sawdust is still used on the floors, but generally there is a responsibility and earnestness at the *festival about drinking that* avoids loutishness. This is serious drinking with the emphasis on the "serious".

For people such as Barry Trowbridge, who has been a Camra member for 19 years, the festival is a *chance to sample the weird* and the wonderful, the hard-to-find, the special brews. This year he will continue his *mission*: with 1,361 different beers under his belt since January 1, 1981, he is out to *notch up* beer 2,000 before the century is out.

For a beer to be logged in his book, at least a pint must be drunk — "A half-pint at a festival is two gulps, but a pint is not four", is his advice *against getting drunk* — but his difficulty is finding new brews.

While the brewers "exhibiting" at Olympia are known in advance, the beers they will have available is not; their beers may even change from day to day, session to session. For someone attending their first national festival, Mr Trowbridge suggests sampling from some of half a dozen breweries of high repute which are likely to offer a hint of the variety of the taste, *texture and flavour of great* British beers:

Shepherd Neame, from Faversham, Kent, the beer Mr Trowbridge would drink if all else were no longer available.

Cain's, a relatively new brewer, which offers good-flavoured northern beer; it is based in the old Higson's brewery in Liverpool.

Fuller's — for non-Londoners visiting Olympia, *this brewer* is a must.

Banks's produces a good, very *drinkable* Midland beer, with no pretensions.

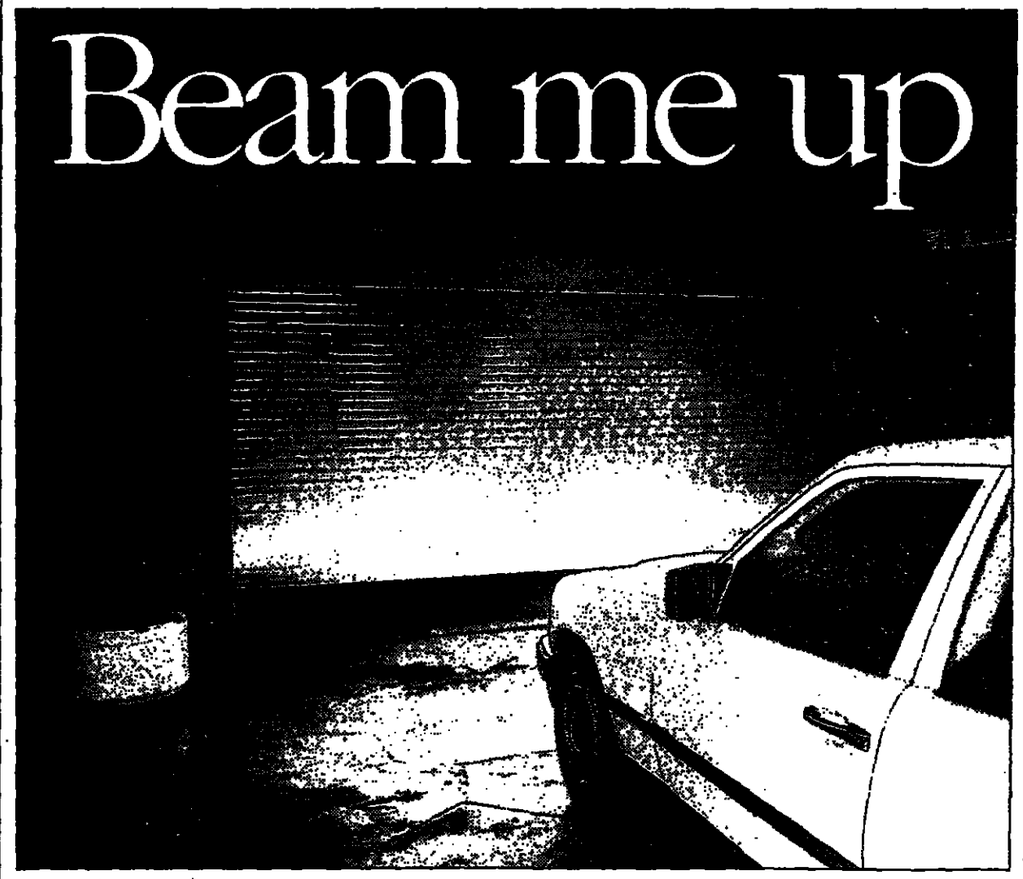
Harvey's from Sussex offers a good range of brews.

Exmoor: all its beers drink about one-degree proof less potent than they really are, a sure recipe for early disaster.

STEVEN DOWNES

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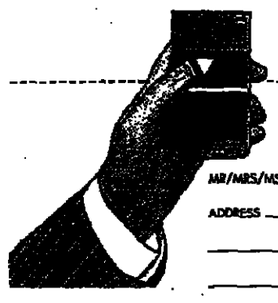
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What the papers said:

Derwent May's bookbuyers' guide

5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in the national broadsheet newspapers.*

3/5 **Artful Artley:** In *Murder in the Heart* (Hamish Hamilton £14.99), Alexandra Artley tells the story of the two Thompson sisters who, in 1988, killed their father with a shotgun after almost 40 years of sadistic abuse by him, and got two years' imprisonment, suspended. The reviewers fell avidly on her subject-matter and scorned her manner.

In *The Sunday Times*, John Carey went into the events at length, but concluded that the book was "about as thrilling as a blocked drain", "decorated with fanciful cultural allusions" and "novelettish". In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Jane Shilling reported that Miss Artley wrote in a "dippy, *mondaine* tone", with "charm twinkling incongruously from every cranny of the hideous tale" — yet that this "highly-mannered approach is remarkably effective", with "a sinewy prose style emerging" along with a "sensitive and properly indignant empathy with the women".

Only John Cornwell in *The Spectator* disregarded the style and concentrated on the "harrowing tale of poverty, grief, violence, incest, terminal illness, madness, murder and shame in the grim industrial wastelands." He thought that the book would "deepen our understanding". Probably one should not read a book like this for pleasure, but all things considered I give it a rating of three.
Col cm: 174.

4/5 **Burchill's baby:** Shena Mackay made a big hit when she published her first book at the age of 19, but since then she has had a mixed career as a novelist.

Now, however, at 49, she has had the astonishing experience of hearing Julie Burchill proclaim her "the best writer of fiction alive". And the reviewers of her new book of short stories, *The Laughing Academy* (Heinemann £13.99), seem to have fallen into line.

In *The Sunday Times*, Lisa Appignanesi called her "the poet of junk", with "her central characters all past their sell-by date" — yet, she continued, "Mackay's canvas is never gloomy. It is vibrant with the colours of a fauve palette" and in it, life is "spiked with laughter".

In *The Sunday Telegraph* David Robson was carried away: he called the new volume a "beautiful little book" and said that "she wields her word-processor [*sic* — clear Burchill influence here?] like an angel". As for Dina Rabanovitch in *The Independent*, she wanted our children "to learn passages of Mackay by heart".
Col cm: 127.

3/5 **Manners maketh money:** A nostalgia for Victorian manners was visible in the reviews of Andrew St George's *The Descent of Manners* (Chatto £20) — even though, as he showed, the restraints of politeness were often cultivated merely as a way to success. "Erudite and entertaining", said D.J.Taylor in *The Sunday Times* — but, warned Elizabeth Jenkins very politely in *The Evening Standard*, "it is not, one must confess, what is known as 'an easy read' ".
Col cm: 146.

4/5 **Art cat:** Whether you agreed with him or not, the art critic Peter Fuller, who died three years ago aged 43, was "a cat among the puffed-up pigeons, a real writer, a literary force", as Grey Gowrie put it in *The Daily Telegraph*. "Originality, daring, a puckish defiance of the establishment", said Martin Gayford in *The Sunday Telegraph*, and in *The Times*, Peter Ackroyd hailed "the voice of the authentic critic". All of them welcomed *Peter Fuller's Modern Painters*, his last collection of pieces (Methuen £25). So do I.
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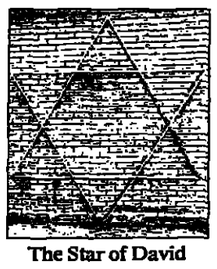
Where faith strives for perfection

Ruth Gledhill spends the sabbath at a thriving synagogue in Harrogate



BEFORE stepping over the threshold into the Harrogate synagogue, I was engaged in rabbinic debate by the vice-president of the synagogue, Harry Brown, a layman, and Dr Solomon Brown, the visiting rabbi.

The question was whether I could take notes on the sabbath, a day of rest when carrying pens, opening notebooks and all other forms of work are proscribed by Orthodox Jews. To my surprise, the rabbi argued in favour, in the interests of accuracy. Although all visitors should respect the traditions of the host community, one from another tradition must be allowed to do as they pleased, he said.



The Star of David

Orthodox Jews occasionally visit Harrogate from nearby York, where the community has never recovered from the Clifford's Tower massacre of 1190 and the expulsion of Jews from Britain a century later.

Harrogate is one of the few synagogues surviving in the north from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

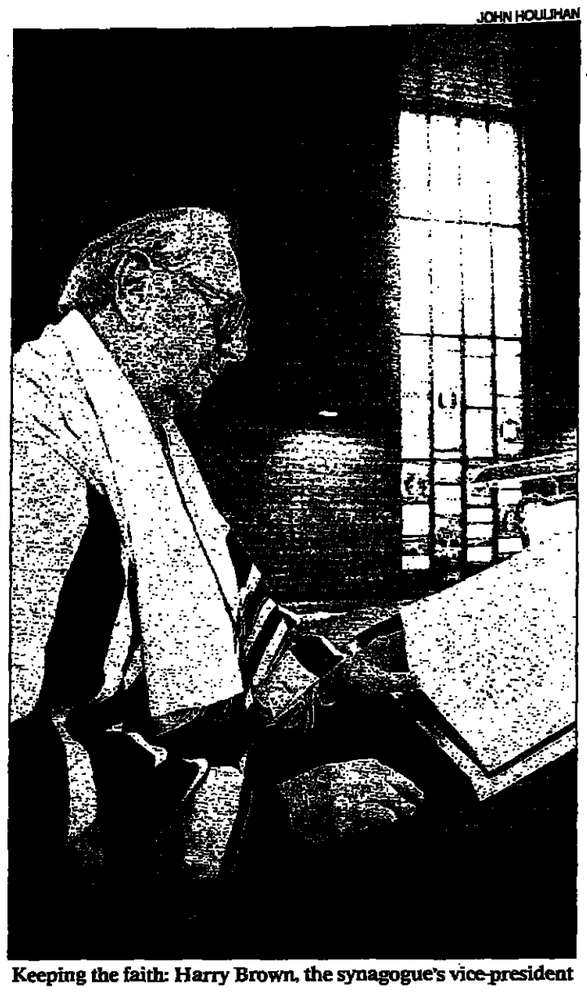
Many synagogues in nearby towns have disappeared this century in a decline which began after the end of the second world war, and which was only slightly offset by refugees arriving from the Continent during the war. Even in towns with thriving communities, such as Leeds, the Jewish community fell from 29,000 to 14,000 between 1955 and 1985.

Harrogate has about 80 Jewish families, and here the decline — a consequence of secularisation and migration, usually to London — is thought to have bottomed out. Rabbi Brown said the community had survived in Harrogate because "it is a gracious town with a distinctive air about it, where people like to retire". He is himself the retired senior rabbi of a synagogue of 1,200 in Leeds, and serves on a rota of available rabbis who take services at Harrogate.

The Harrogate congregation was founded in 1918 in a room above a shop, before moving to a Sunday school adjoining St Mary's church. In 1925, when the church was demolished and rebuilt elsewhere, they bought and converted the school. The Jewish Studies Library at London University keeps a copy of the consecration sermon preached by the then Chief Rabbi, Joseph Hertz, who explained the use of the word *shule* for synagogue in Orthodox circles. "It sprang from the fact that in medieval documents the monks preferred to speak of the synagogue under the Latin name *scola*, being unwilling to recognise it as a house of worship," he said.

In 1968 the Sunday school was demolished and the present building was erected on the same site. All non-Jews are warmly welcomed. A Jehovah's Witness attends regularly because she enjoys the service. Judaism is not a proselytising religion but the president, Sandy Royston, told me: "By the time you have finished you will want to convert."

The men opened *Shacharit*, or morning prayer, with the words: "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast not made me a woman." Seated above them, in hats, long skirts and smart jackets, we women read instead: "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast made me according to thy will." There in the gallery, I grew soon to be grateful for my sex, because the two-hour service could be enlivened by interesting conversation, although this did throw some new light for me on St Paul's injunction on women to keep silent in the churches.



JOHN HOULIHAN

Keeping the faith: Harry Brown, the synagogue's vice-president

The men beneath us wore white prayer shawls, or *tallit*, and often kissed the fringes, an act of devotion. They wore skull caps, called *yarmelka* in the north and *cuppal* in London. Harry Brown wore a silk top hat. He sat in a box in front of the *bima*, a raised platform from which Mr Royston, as a lay reader, took the first half of the service.

We had to miss some prayers because there was not a *minyan*, the ten men needed for a congregation to worship, a tradition which dates from the time of Moses. The service was difficult to follow, partly because it was in Hebrew but mainly because of the speed with which we moved to different parts of the service book. I was helped by Lynne Dante, my neighbour, whose husband mouthed the page numbers up at us from his bench below. Everyone, including the women, sang through parts of the service, led by Mr Royston. Some of the melodies were beautiful and exotic, and seemed to evoke the sun and sand of Israel, helping us forget the rain outside.

By 10.30am the necessary number of men had arrived, and we moved into the *lehning*, the reading from the scrolls of the *Torah*, the law, before the *musaf*, the sabbath prayer. We stood to face the ark, the *Aron Hakodesh*, in which the parchment scrolls are kept.

The reading of the law, the first five books of the Bible, was divided into seven parts. Seven members of congregation were called to follow it on the *bima* as the rabbi read using a *yad*, a silver pointer, to follow the script. A layman then read the lesson from *haphtorah*, the prophets, this week Jeremiah.

Yiddish, spoken by some Orthodox Jews with an eastern European background, is not used in worship in the UK, although some women's prayers used to be available in Yiddish when it was the vernacular. The service was conducted in Ashkenazi Hebrew, used throughout western Europe. The difference between this and the harder, flatter tones of Sephardi Hebrew, spoken in Israel, was clear when Philip Margolis, chairman of the Leeds Zionist Federation, said the prayer for the state of Israel and her defences with passion because his son, Danny, is serving with Israeli defence forces.

Rabbi Brown, who has preached at York Minster, went on to speak in his sermon of the need to avoid extremism. Religion, of whatever faith, was about the desire to achieve perfection, and fanaticism was not part of the concept of the *Torah*.

● *Service times: Saturdays, 9.30-11.45am.*

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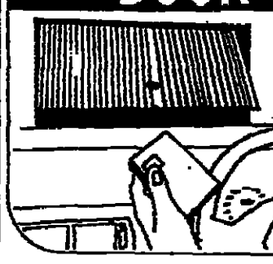
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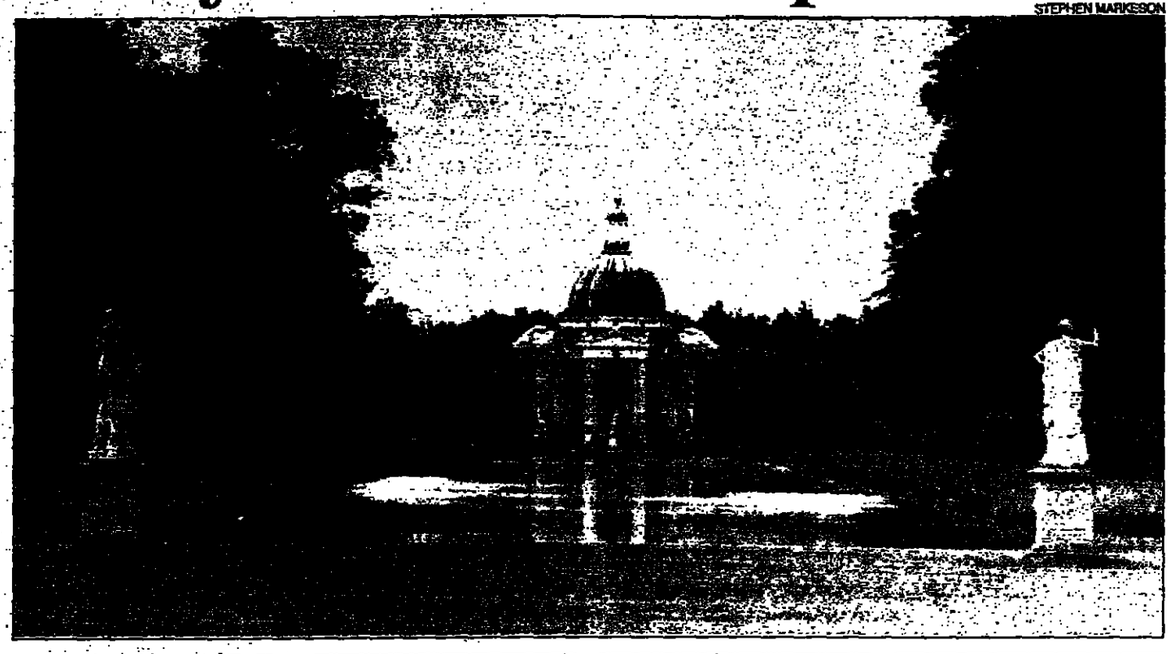
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Dominic Cole: masterplan



Three centuries of garden history enchant Francesca Greenoak

Landscape gardeners often undervalue and destroy the work of their immediate predecessors. Never was this more true than during the late 18th century, when Capability Brown and other exponents of the landscape movement swept away the careful formality of the previous age.

It is therefore surprising that although Brown had a hand in the design at Wrest Park, which lies between Bedford and Luton, the beautiful geometry of its earlier schemes — the broad rides, parterres, orchard and its main formal waters — remained intact. Brown joined the outer canals into a *naturalistic, serpentine lake and* contributed to the tree plantings and fellings in the outer park. According to Jemima, Marchioness Grey, his patron and influential mistress of Wrest during that period: "To do more, he thought would be to unravel the mystery of the garden."

Wrest Park is remarkable for the continuity of its history. The property of the Grey family for 600 years until it was sold in 1917, many celebrated architects and designers were associated with its development. The fine château-style 19th-century house (designed principally by the 2nd Earl de Grey) was set north of the earlier building,







Clockwise from top: Archer's pavilion, the orangery, Chinese bridge and bowling green house

and looks over a wide terrace and parterres of classical statuary and lawns, to the graceful Long Canal, which leads the eye to a classical, domed pavilion designed by Thomas Archer in 1710, thought to be one of the most beautiful garden buildings in Britain.

The happy inter-relationships between the lawns, the sculptures, woods and waters are designed to please as well as impress. Walking the cunning, interwoven paths of the woodlands, you lose your sense of direction, coming unexpectedly on lovely vistas, quiet enclosures, and glorious views across pools and canals.

Three hundred years of garden history are reflected within Wrest Park and under the ownership of English Heritage, the latest scheme for restoration and improvement is as sympathetic to the spirit of the place as its previous family owners could have wished.

A masterplan drawn up by Dominic Cole of Land Use Consultants emphasises the importance of accentuating the lines of the earlier garden plans. Restoration of the Archer pavilion and the bowling green house has been completed; paths and vistas of the 19th century woodland garden have been reinstated, and leaking and silted waterways mended. Future works will be carried out gradually by the Silsoe Research Institute (which occupies office space in part of the building and maintains the park) as labour and finances allow.

Although listed Grade I in the English Heritage Register of Historic Parks and Gardens, Wrest is not well known, possibly because it has only limited opportunities for visiting. This week it is open for an extra day in addition to its usual weekend opening.

It is a place to explore at leisure: to enjoy the grandeur of the upper garden, restored orangery, and impressive grove of cedars, the adjacent bath-house folly and garden, and the secret grove with the delicate Chinese pavilion. Wrest Park is permeated by an atmosphere of playfulness and invention, as much a delight now as in previous centuries.

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How would you get there?
By hot-air balloon.

Where would you stay?
In "Margaret Thatcher's villa" at the Fort Aguada holiday resort. These villas were built for a Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in India during the 1980s, and one was occupied by Mrs Thatcher. I would love to say that I slept in her bed!

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife Maria, who has coped brilliantly with the hours of the House. She will be amazed to have me full-time.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
My *dish-dasha* (a long white kaftan) — which I bought in Abu Dhabi during my visits there to ask for compensation for the BCCI victims.

Which medicines would accompany you?
None. My mother, Merlyn, has a cure for everything and acts as my medical adviser. I would ring her if I had a problem.

What would you have to eat?
Goa rice and *sorpotel* — a pork, liver and potato dish, and Goa sausage cooked by Prem Kumar, the chef at the St James Court Hotel, London.

What would you have to drink?
Vimto with ice and a slice of lemon. I have no taste for alcohol.

Which books would you read?
Dag Hammarskjöld's *Markings*. While secretary-general of the United Nations he wrote this book about his inner thoughts and worries. I have read it hundreds of times.

What music would you listen to?
Vivaldi's "Four Seasons", George Michael's "Careless Whisper", and Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You".

What would you watch on television?
Soap operas: *Dallas, Dynasty, Peyton Place* and *Neighbours*.

What luxury would you take?
A large supply of chocolate profiteroles.

Would you play any games or sport?
I'd play tennis with my wife and win!

What piece of art would you like to look at?
The Adoration of the Magi by Rubens which hangs in King's College chapel, Cambridge.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip, asking me to return to vote. He did this during my *honeymoon in Goa this year*, which became the shortest honeymoon in history.

What three things would you leave behind?
My pager, my mobile telephone and my fax machine.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Learn to swim. 2. Lose two stones in weight. 3. Visit the home of my great-grandparents to rediscover my roots.

To whom would you send a postcard?
Everyone. I love sending postcards. I send about a hundred each time I go away.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A handful of sand from the beach at Calangute.

What would you like to find when you got home?
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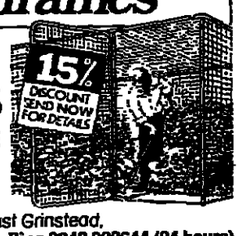
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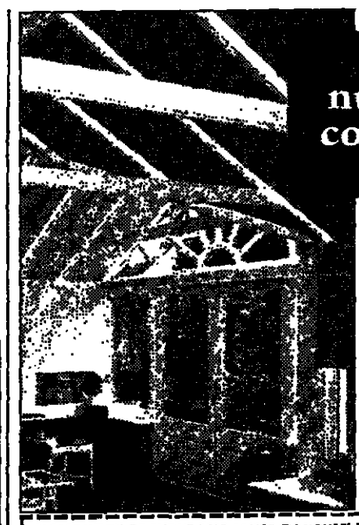
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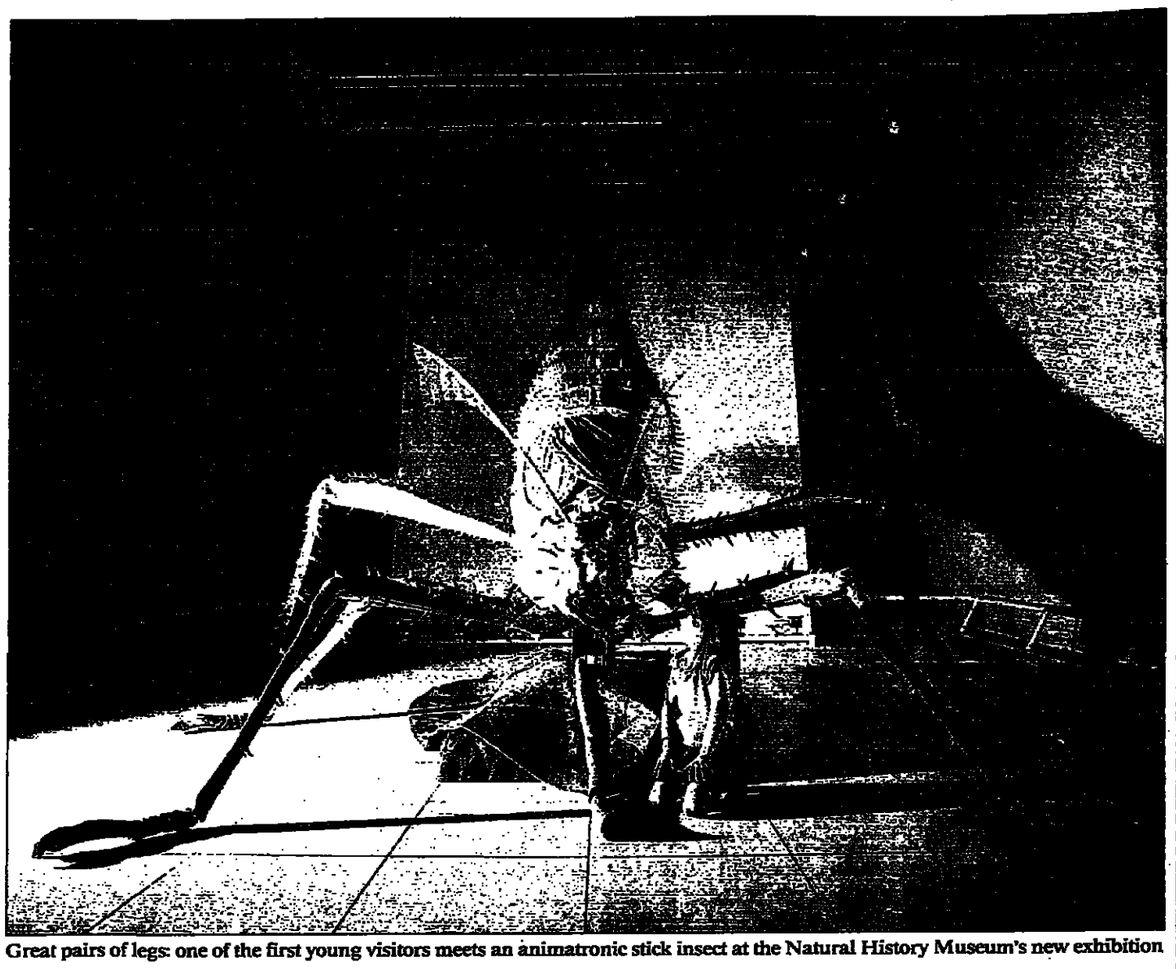
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Great pairs of legs: one of the first young visitors meets an animatronic stick insect at the Natural History Museum's new exhibition

How does a caterpillar scare away enemies? Why does a cicada sing so sweetly? What do atlas beetles do if they don't like each other?

If these questions have given you or your children the bug (see end of panel for the answers), you should head for the Natural History Museum in London and an amazingly realistic (and hands-on) exhibition on insects, called "Megabugs".

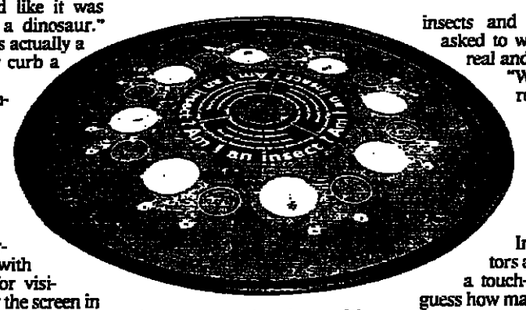
Eight-year-old Alexander Brown from Leicester thought it was great. "I particularly liked that enormous mosquito [depicted by a robotic model 600 times bigger than the real thing]. It looked like it was sucking blood from a dinosaur." (Not quite correct: it is actually a sugar cube. But why curb a child's imagination?)

No wonder Alexander was entranced. The minute you enter the exhibition, it is as though you have stepped on to a film set for *Bug Land*. Room No 1 comprises an enormous dark theatre with special 3-D glasses for visitors of any age to view the screen in front.

"The glasses show the insects in three-dimensional focus so that they seem to jump out of the screen," says Tim Gardom, senior writer at Imagination, a communications company which designed the exhibition for the museum. His own three small children (aged six, four and nearly two), who like nothing better than exploring the garden for worms, were particularly taken by the sight of a louse, magnified 250 times.

Seeing is believing in the next display — the models are 12 metres high and are pre-programmed to move. Alexander loved the locust (with its 6-metre wing span) because it took off and sprang around. He was mesmerised by the praying mantis rearing up to catch its moth victim — and by the stag beetles, which demonstrated the art of locking horns.

But, as all small children will tell you, the thing they love best is to get their own hot little hands on to something. Forget the "Do Not Touch" notices from museums of our own youth. In the "inter-active



Insect quest: touch-sensitive

area", children are encouraged to handle exhibits. At "Megabugs", five to seven-year-olds are invited to "build an insect" from a large jigsaw (one metre square) set on a sloping table for easy access. You soon realise that to assemble a proper insect, you need three body sections and six legs. Older children are also given pictures of insects and of counterfeits and asked to write down which are real and which are false.

"We want to get children to look again at insects which initially may seem too small to be interesting," Mr Gardom says. Which leads us to the next display, "How Many Insects?". Small visitors are shown pictures on a touch-screen and asked to guess how many insects are hidden in them. It's not as easy as it sounds. Surely, that's just an ordinary leaf? Not at all. At the press of a button, the picture changes to reveal a stick insect cleverly camouflaged to blend into its surroundings. Even those clever-clogs who've already spotted the hidden insect can learn something new. "Spell 'camouflage'," I asked my nine-year-old, and he did.

"Megabugs" also demonstrates that small children are not the only creatures good at making a noise. "People don't realise that bugs can make quite a racket," Mr Gardom says. "Cockroaches hiss violently when mating by squeezing out air through the breathing apertures in their sides.

"And grasshoppers rub their back legs against an inside muscle to make that powerful chirping noise."

Amazing. And what's more it's free, if you pick your times carefully — see details below.

● *"Megabugs" is on display at the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD (071-938 9123), until the end of October (it will then tour Europe for ten years). Museum admission free 4.30-5.50pm (weekdays) and 5-5.50pm (weekends). From 10am-4.30pm Monday to Saturday, and 11am-5pm on Sunday, the exhibition itself is free although you have to pay the museum's normal admission fees: £12 for a family ticket (two adults and four children), or £4.50 per adult and £2.20 per child. No charge for under-fives.*

Did you know?

- ☐ That insects have three body parts, three pairs of legs, and no backbone.
- ☐ That they have been around for 300 million years.
- ☐ That they were the first creatures to fly — but not all insects can fly.
- ☐ That the male Chinese praying mantis (from Eastern Asia and the USA) is smaller than the female — and risks being eaten if he courts a hungry female.
- ☐ That a young swallowtail caterpillar (from Eastern Asia) tries to avoid being eaten by disguising itself as a bird dropping.
- ☐ That a male atlas beetle (from Southeast Asia) will fight, using his horns to lever male rivals off a branch, to grab a female's attention. She, in turn, will attract her man by releasing scent.
- ☐ Desert locusts (from North Africa, Arabia and Asia) have leg muscles which are 1,000 times stronger than an equal weight of human muscle, and can jump ten times their own length.
- ☐ **Answers to the questions in the first paragraph of the main story:**

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2. Cicadas sing to attract the opposite sex.
3. Atlas beetles lock horns in battle.

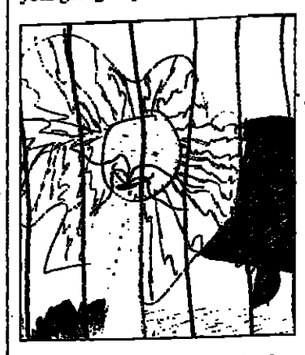
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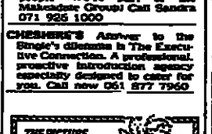
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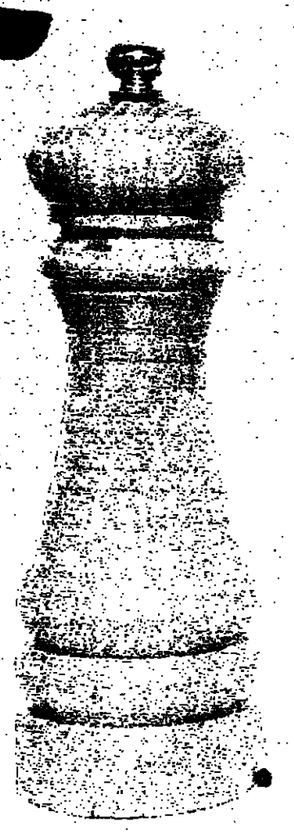
There are three levels of satisfaction required from the perfect pepper mill: the grind, the look, and a subtler quality connected with sensuousness of operation — call it "the feel". For anyone who spends time in the kitchen, grind has to come top of the list. Too many mills begin with promise and then lapse.

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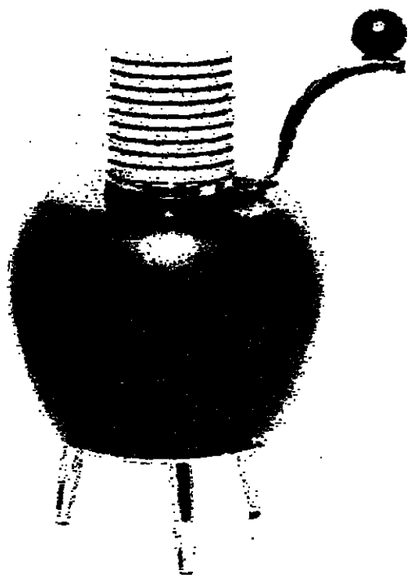


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Above, Twergi, a good-looker in briar more at home in the dining-room than in the kitchen. £55.90 also from Aria, London N1 (as above).

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Black pepper adds its own heat and spiciness to food, but also has another useful quality; it brings out the flavour of the ingredients with which it is used. To test this, you have only to slice some strawberries, and grind a little black pepper over them before eating.

Black, white and green peppercorns are simply different stages in the maturation process of the fruit of the "piper nigrum", the pepper vine which is trained to grow up host trees. The green berries grow clustered on small stems, and we can occasionally get them here in this very fresh state. I like to use them just lightly bruised, in fish dishes, curries, chicken dishes and soups. When berries are picked in an immature stage, stripped from the stem, and freeze-dried or put into brine, the result is green peppercorns, which make a good pepper steak when crushed.

Other peppercorns are picked unripe, and left to ferment and then dry in the sun. These become black peppercorns. When the wrinkled husk is removed after soaking, and the berries are left to dry and bleach in the sun, smooth white peppercorns are produced.

White pepper is particularly good added to dishes whose appearance would be spoilt by black specks. White pepper is not as subtle in flavour and aroma as black pepper, more of a sneeze powder. Mignonette pepper is simply a mixture of black and white peppercorns ground together.

I like to make up my own pepper mixes to include some of the other berries which we call peppers out of convenience rather than accuracy. Jamaica pepper or allspice is a large dried berry, and, as its name implies, has a flavour which hints at cinnamon, cloves and nutmegs. Not to be confused with "mixed spice", allspice makes not only a good addition to the pepper grinder, but when ground alone, adds a warm, subtle spiciness to biscuits, cakes and pies. Coarsely ground, it is excellent with beef or pork casseroles.

Sichuan pepper is an important ingredient in Chinese cookery. It is the dried hull of the fruit of the prickly ash tree and has a spicy, curiously mouth-numbing effect. "Sansho" is the Japanese pepper from a similar tree.

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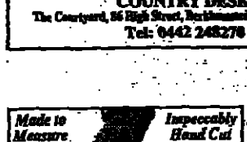


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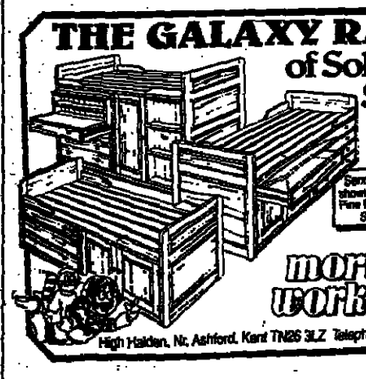
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Night owls show their true colours

Kate Bernard finds out what London's nightclub managers wear, both on duty and off



Left to right: Orlando Campbell *wears own pinstripe suit from John Pearse, 6 Meard Street, London W1 (071-434 0738); own M&S shirt; shoes from Churches, Burlington Arcade, London W1 (071-240 3774).* Aurora Papafava dei Carraresi *wears 1960s Cacherel skirt; her aunt's*

Working clothes

linen jacket; scarf and shoes bought in sales. Gavin Rankin *wears own suit made by his tailor, Ron; shirt from Harvie & Hudson, 97 Jermyn Street, London SW1 (071-930 3949); own tie and handkerchief; black loafers by Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 4828).* Gordana Pesic *wears own Jasper Conran jacket and skirt, "1991 vintage"; own vest and shoes.* Hannes Wolters *wears own Dries Van Noten blue jacket and waistcoat; own tie, shirt and trousers.*

The yawning gap in central London between mind-bending, all-night rave clubs and the exclusive, male, port-soaked establishments of St James's is fast being filled by civilised, members-only clubs where regulars can swill a Martini, send a fax, have a snooze, a snack or a party, all without doing more than politely raising a hand.

Open from morning or lunchtime until the small hours of the next day, the clubs offer an alternative to those noisy and tiresome bars where customers shout themselves hoarse for the sake of a bottle of beer, exotically but inconveniently stopped with a wedge of lime.

The managers and staff of these clubs must be respectfully discreet without playing the indulgent nanny; no good manager would assail the hungover member with an account of his drunken somersaults of the evening before, or fail to warn him about his conduct if it disturbed other members. A dress code, be it spoken or not, of fairly formal mufti helps to reinforce a friendly but authoritative approach. Club managers aim to look relaxed but in charge at all times.

Gavin Rankin is the dapper, blue-suited deputy managing director of Annabels, the exclusive (it almost invented the word as a description of nightclub) and enduring inspiration of Mark Birley. The club, which was 30 years old in June and boasts an aristocratic and eye-poppingly famous membership, has a strict dress code for all employees: green jackets for waiters, cream jackets for barmen, and hall-porter costume for reception staff.

"The rule for me is a dark lounge suit, made by my tailor, Ron, who is a former Savile Row cutter," says Mr Rankin, who has definite ideas about sartorial informality during his leisure hours. Wearing a "relaxedly informal alternative" to the suit at weekends, he generally eschews denim. "There is no such thing as being overdressed," he says. In keeping with this view, he shops at Ralph Lauren, Dougie Hayward, the maverick Mount Street tailor, and the shirtmakers of Jermyn Street.

"Most of my clothes are impulse buys because my attention span in any shop is about 18 seconds," says the man who is never without a smart silk handkerchief in the top pocket of his jacket.

Hannes Wolters, fashion freak and assistant manager at the Groucho Club, has no reservations about wearing denim and leather off duty. A tireless nightclubber, he has been seen flaunting an Astroturf suit covered in flowers at a party at Kinky Gerlinky, one of his regular haunts.

The Groucho Club, meeting place for a legion of literary aspirants and alternative comedians, allows Mr Wolters to wear suits of any colour he chooses, and he has almost run the gamut of the spectrum as a result. "Black, blue and grey are conventionally the formal colours, but there are so many others, it would be a shame not to wear them," he says.

One of the few men who enjoy shopping, he "goes crazy" buying mainly continental designer labels such as Moschino and Dries van der Noten, who made the light blue jacket and waistcoat pictured on this page. The names of all his favourite designers sound made-up. At the club, shirts worn with suits strike a happy medium between the formal and informal.

Gordana Pesic, the formidable manager of Groucho's, has firm ideas about "working" colours. "Black and navy blue are boring, safe but extremely practical," she says. "I occasionally clear tables and usually drag my sleeve in the gravy when doing so, therefore pale colours are out."

Trousers are allowed, but the message reads "informal but in control". As she sometimes works a 16-hour day, the look must withstand the test of time: "Try looking OK at 3.30am if you started at ten in the morning," she says.

Because she is not allowed to wear jeans at the club, Ms Pesic longs for them when away from the place. She has several pairs "in different colours, which I wear with a man's shirt or old linen shirts from Whistles. Gap is the best place for denim shirts."

She admires Jasper Conran's clothes and has two of his jackets, which were scrimped and saved for. "But Browns in South Molton Street is my favourite shop, and I would buy the whole place if I could afford to."





Annabels people: *the Princess of Wales, Duke of York, Baroness Thatcher*



Waiters and waitresses in these clubs are more likely to be artists augmenting their income than aging retainers. Aurora Papafava dei Carraresi is a young textile designer who also works at Blacks, the Georgian house in the dark heart of Soho, with Hellfire-style decoration and guttering candles.

"Blacks is very informal, so the clothes I wear during the day are usually fine for work in the evening," she says. That means a basic dress or skirt dressed up with a scarf of her own design, which can be shed as the open fires and running around dictate.

Clothes are important to her, and she visits Brixton market and secondhand shops in search of bargains. "Wherever I find myself in town, I visit the nearest charity shop to look for old designer clothes and shoes," she says. For the rest, she relies on benevolent female relatives to pass on clothes, such as the Cacherel skirt once owned by her mother, which she wears for work.

She loves to buy clothes to dress up in, such as a recently acquired flamenco dress that cost her just £8. She also occasionally visits Issey Miyake and Kenzo, "for inspiration".

At 26 years old, Orlando Campbell has already managed a luncheon club and the Globe in Notting Hill, west London, where social luminaries were always to be found. At Number Three Green Street, on the borders of Mayfair and Marble Arch, he has established a large and loyal list of members.



Clockwise from left: Gordana Pesic, *wears own "Oxford Street" white Levi jeans; shirt from Joseph Equipment, bought last year; black Doc Marten's boots from a selection at Shelly's, Oxford Circus, London W1 (081-450 0066).* Aurora Papafava dei Carraresi *wears own secondhand dress; scarf of her own design; shoes bought in the sales (and below, with another of her own scarves).* Orlando Campbell *wears parchment single-breasted jacket, £265; pink poplin shirt, £45, trousers £59, brown suede brogues,*

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Waitresses wear very "evening" outfits of their own: net tops, black Lycra and leather to serve a robust, international cuisine, but Mr Campbell sticks to one of the six or seven suits made by John Pearse, the Soho tailor. "John's suits help me to look more professional. A suit with a waistcoat means that ironing shirts, for which I have no tools, is unnecessary," says Mr Campbell, whose mother buys his favourite pink shirts at Marks & Spencer.

His ties, if worn, are designed by the painter Craigie Aitcheson. He occasionally wears jeans, but says: "I haven't had a day off for months, and anyway I prefer my classical, hard-wearing suit, which covers a multitude of sins."

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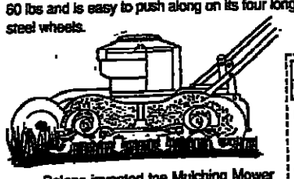
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Customers who call all the shots

Buyers can try before they bid for guns and musical instruments, Sarah Jane Checkland writes

MARC ASPLAND



Steady hand: Sophie Chapman tries 20-bore shotguns at West Wycombe before deciding whether to bid for them at Bonham's auction next month

The London auction house Bonhams has a habit of making waves. When some rivals raised their buyer's premium earlier this year, Bonhams cheekily reduced its own. Now it is defying convention further by allowing prospective buyers to take objects home — a practice almost unheard of for auctioneers.

The "try before you buy" scheme applies to two types of antique that make a noise: musical instruments and guns. The former can be taken away for 36 hours, while the latter can be tested by clients at one-day shoots organised by the company.

Satisfied musical instrument customers include a French mother who secured a German violin for her daughter at a bargain £300 at the last musical sale, following a trial period at home. And after a night of rapturous performance on another violin, the leader of an English orchestra spent his £65,000 savings on it instead of buying a house.

As for guns, freelance writer Sophie Chapman, aged 25, enjoyed the shoot in April, and plans to bid on three 20-bores at the next sale. Clients pay £30 plus VAT, and can then spend as long as they like trying out whichever models they like, and have a shooting lesson to boot from one of the many tutors present. Jason Abbot, a gunmaker, is also there to advise on what adjustments might be needed, such as the lengthening of the stock.

Bonham's rivals are not best pleased. In a strongly-worded advertisement for their musical instrument department, Phillips said: "We value the trust placed in us by clients . . . and confirm that we do not allow any musical instruments to be removed from our care by anyone for whatever declared purpose." Graham Wells, Sotheby's head of musical instruments, followed suit with an article in the musicians' magazine *The Strad*, questioning "the idea of an auctioneer who is NOT the owner of the instrument risking his client's property in this manner, however well insured". As for guns, Sotheby's took the line that "our clients wouldn't want to go on a communal shoot anyway".

Musical instrument dealers say they have always allowed players to take individual instruments home, while gunmakers say they can arrange for individual shooting facilities, if required.

The schemes have obvious advantages for buyers who need to handle the objects in order to assess them. Bonham's young music expert, Peter Horner, says players cannot possibly hear the tonal qualities above the cacophony of sound at a conventional auction preview. Now they can "take the instruments away and show them to their teachers, in order to develop the confidence to spend a huge amount", he says.

Mr Horner claims that his prices are cheaper than in the shops, because "you're buying basically direct from source". His 10 or 15 per cent commission is admittedly far less than many dealers' mark-ups.

Bonham's managing director Christopher Elweys, who dreamt up the gun scheme, says that actual use of a gun can help to expose faults in the action, or simply prove whether it feels right to the user: "You don't buy a car without taking it around the block, so why should you do so with a gun?" he says.

There are of course some risks, such as physical damage to the goods followed by time-consuming and expensive litigation for the seller. Mr Horner insists, however, that "no instrument has ever come back with any damage; anyone who takes things away is vetted by me". And Mr Elweys says all items that leave the premises are insured on the company's policy. Of course, "try before you buy" is a very new idea — perhaps they have just been lucky so far.

Another potential drawback of the musical instrument scheme is that a fiddle could be out on loan to someone who has no intention of buying, and therefore not available when a genuine buyer comes along to view.

Some dealers condemn Bonhams for disturbing what they see as the fragile "ecology" of the art market. A generation ago, they say, dealers catered for clients, and auction houses catered for dealers. Everyone knew the demarcation lines. Now, however, everyone is buying from the same sources, and things are not as clear-cut.

This can mean that dealers lose trade, but it can also make for disadvantages for private buyers. They may think, for example, that they are getting bargains by going straight to the auctioneers, but the reality could be that dealers are using the auctions as a dumping ground for goods they cannot sell. As with all auction houses, a sizable proportion of Bonham's consignments comes from dealers. Indeed, one musical instrument dealer admitted bidding on an item he had himself consigned for sale in order to "puff up" the price.

One of the advantages of going to dealers for instruments and guns is the before and after sales service. Although they can be far more expensive than buying from auctions, dealers tend to include the cost of any adjustments in the price. A buyer at auction could face a sizable bill after the sale in order to adapt their purchase for use.

So far, "try before you buy" has been a phenomenal success at Bonham's musical instrument department. Two years ago Mr Horner's turnover was £550,000; by this July he was already nearing the £1 million mark. His last advertisement included a picture of a violin and the words: "Unsold in Mayfair . . . at £25,000. Sold at Bonhams . . . for £48,000. Why not try Bonham's first next time!"

The gun market has so far been less responsive, although the scheme only started in the spring, and this market has been depressed since the start of the recession. At the April sale, Bonham's expert Phillip Gompertz did manage to sell a Purdey 12-bore lightweight self-opening sidelock ejector for £13,200 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000), to a man who wanted to impress his friends. But a splenddidly kitsch 12-bore by Westley Richards, which commemorated the 1986 engagement of HRH Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson with finely engraved portraits on either side, was left unsold, despite an estimate of £10,000 to £15,000.

The August sale includes a pair of J. Woodward 12-bore best quality sidelock ejectors at £7,000 to £10,000, and a Churchill utility 12-bore boxlock ejector, at £700 to £1,000. These can be tried out at the next "try before you buy" shoot. "We don't make anything out of the shoot," says Mr Gompertz, and it is true that a one-day event like this would normally cost at least double that price.

So it is time to decide to try before you buy, or to use more conventional means of acquiring that violin or shotgun. The only clear advice I can give with confidence is *caveat emptor*.

● *Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (071-584 9161). Try before you buy a gun at West Wycombe Shooting School. August 7; auction Monday August 9. Next musical instrument sale, first week of November (date not set). Musical instrument dealers: J. & A. Beare, 7 Broadwick St, London W1 (071-437 1449). Gunmakers: Holland & Holland, 31 Bruton Street, W1 (071-499 4411). James Purdey, 57 South Audley Street, W1 (071-499 1801).*



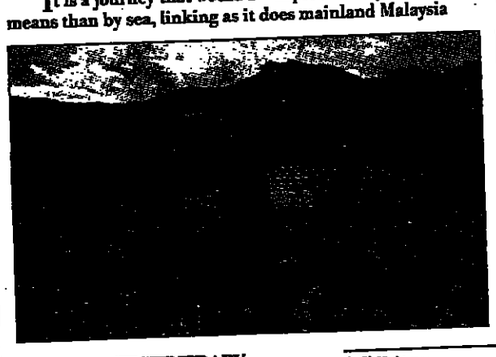
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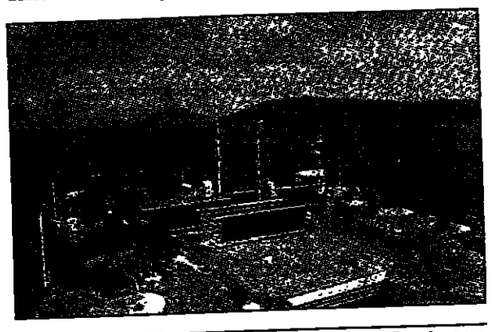
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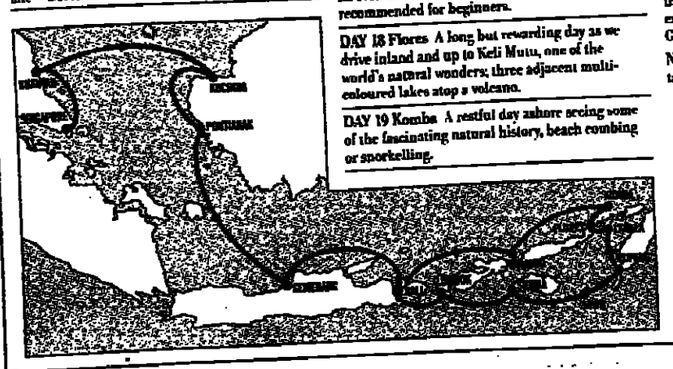
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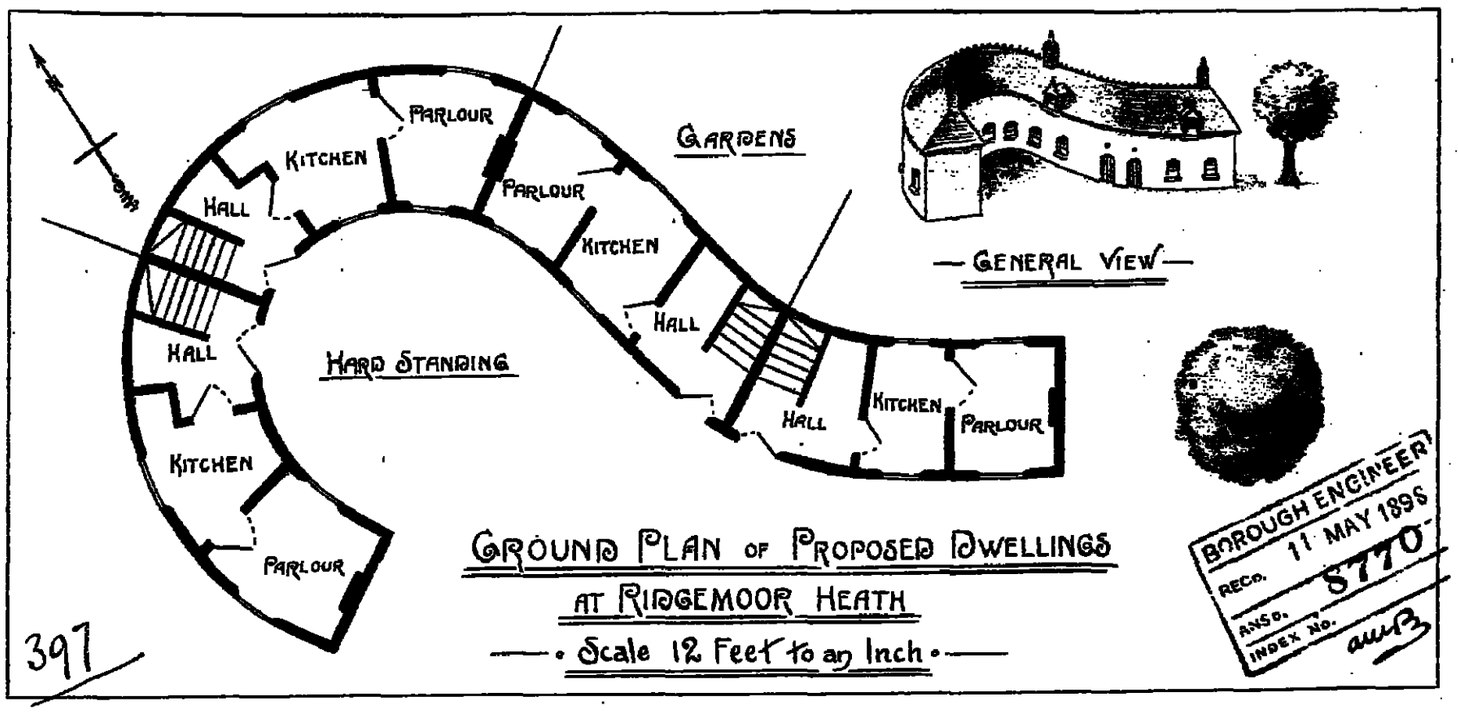
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A window on your home's history

Every house has a history, and researchers are constantly finding new and ingenious ways of dating and documenting even the humblest dwelling.

I had never thought of street drainage plans as a means of identifying a date and architect, until Robert Holder of the Victorian Society suggested it. "Many local councils hold the original drainage layouts submitted when streets were first developed, sometimes from the 1860s onwards, and they have been retained for use when the council digs up the road.

"If they are not actually dated, the date of their receipt may be recorded, and often they are signed by the architect, developer or builder." Several local authorities have put these plans on microfilm, so printouts are quickly available.

Ian Gow of the National Monuments Record for Scotland reports another useful source. "When the first edition of the Ordnance Survey was being drawn in the last century, books were kept recording the names of numerous houses. The mapmakers had to get standard spellings and would go to the local minister or schoolmaster, recording not only names of houses but who was living there," he says. In Scotland reprints are available through the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh (031-226 4531), at £3.20 plus VAT. In England contact your county record offices, or the Ordnance Survey in Southampton (0703 792338), which charges £27.50.

Company records are another revealing source. One researcher has indexed all the 18th-century insurance material for the old town of Edinburgh. Most houses were divided into flats, and the insurers recorded who was living above and below, so by degrees a complete picture of residents can be built up.

From the early part of this century, building in towns and suburbs required planning permission, and the original plans and elevations, including detailed pictures of façades, may be on file, either with the planning authority itself or at the local library. These too are likely to be signed by the architect or builder.

Another source is census returns, taken at ten-year intervals from 1841 onwards. These may be consulted (usually on microfilm) at main public libraries and county record offices. It is important to note the names of immediate neighbours as you work back, as sometimes numbering or even street names can change.

For 18th-century houses, the parish rate books, often held in local libraries, can be a useful source. Just occasionally the architect is noted as paying the rates while the house was being built.

In Brighton Nick Tyson, who is restoring a terrace house to its original appearance, has tapped another rich seam of information. "Since the Land Registry was established, solicitors have started shredding or chucking out deeds as they are not legal documents any more," he says. "We're forming a repository for Brunswick Town here in Hove. If the deeds are a complete set, you get the builder or speculator, as well as a record of occupiers, both buyers and tenants. Bolted on there are often family wills or inventories detailing furniture and uses of rooms when the houses or rooms are let."

Mr Tyson is concerned that some solicitors are destroying these valuable documents on grounds of client confidentiality, when they should be deposited in county record offices. "Some find their way to the local flea market, where you can pick them up for 50p."

If you live in an inter-war semi, Julian Holder of the Twentieth Century Society has another line of attack. "The original builders are often still in existence. Go to the local history library and see if you can pull out any press cuttings or early sales particulars for your street. Estate agents often marketed semis using the name of the builder — just as we talk about Barrett houses. Then go and look up the builder in the Yellow Pages. They may have original brochures or even plans. There was a lot of rivalry between different local builders, and often there will be someone who recalls the special sales points which may be a major feature of your house, such as tile hanging or a particular porch."

For isolated buildings in the country, the maps in record offices can be a useful source. Huw Thomas, an architect in Winchester who specialises in ingenious barn conversions, says: "I go to the county record office and enlist their help in tracing the barn back from one map to another, and usually get a fairly close date from when it was first marked."

Valuable for almost any house are the 25in to one mile Ordnance Survey maps produced from mid-Victorian times to the first world war. Local libraries or booksellers may sell reprints, and they are also available from the OS itself.

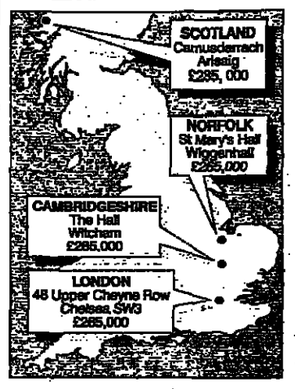
Before this, there were tithe maps, accurately drawn on a large scale. Properties are clearly marked and numbered, as are fields. From the numbers you can find the "apportionments" that accompany the map in book form, naming individual landowners and tenants. All this is research you can do yourself, with a little expert help from library and record office staff.

● *Additional information:* How Old Is Your House? *by Pamela Cunnington (A & C Black, £9.95).* Discovering Your Old House *by David Iredale and John Barrett (Shire Publications, £2.95).*



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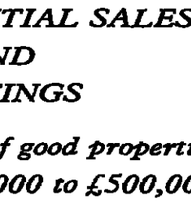
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REGIONAL

BAGNOR: Tessa Wyatt in the excellent Waterhouse/Hall farce *Say Who You Are.* Robin Midgeley directs.
Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (0635 46044). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm (except gala nights on Aug 7, Sept 4, 6.30pm). Until Sept 4.

CHICHESTER: Prunella Scales plays Dolly Levi, and Frank Lazarus, *the merchant of Yonkers in The Matchmaker,* Thornton Wilder's version of Nestroy's version of John Oxenford's version of Plautus.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews Wed, Thurs 7.30pm, *mat Thurs* 2.30pm. More previews Aug 9, 10, 11, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 12, 7pm. Then in repertoire. Until Oct 2.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Alec McCowen returns to Stratford after 30 years to play Prospero in Sam Mendes's production of *The Tempest.* Simon Russell Beale as Ariel.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). *Previews from Thurs,* 7.30pm. Opens Aug 11, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Debra Gillett plays the title role and Jeremy Northam the resourceful Homer in Wycherley's *The Country Wife.* Max Stafford-Clark directs. Bound to be better than the musical travesty, *Lust.*
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 10, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

FILM

BAMBI (U): Disney's classic animation about a young deer's forest life: still magical and moving after 51 years. Director, David Hand.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914-666) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

BENNY & JOON (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): *Smart* sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde.* Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna and Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)



Pals: Schwarzenegger and O'Brien, *Last Action Hero*

CLIFFHANGER (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart and André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

DENNIS (PG): Episodic, *bland adventures of America's Dennis the* Menace (Mason Gamble), with Walter Matthau as the irascible neighbour. Director, Nick Castle.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

EQUINOX (15): *Alan Rudolph's* intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine and Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): *Intrigue, romance and political unrest* in 1860s Spain: a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero Antonutti and Assumpta Serna.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

HOUSE OF ANGELS (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

JUST ANOTHER GIRL ON THE IRT (15): Brassy black Brooklyn teenager (Ariyan Johnson) finds herself pregnant. Raw, lively, first feature by Leslie Harris, with something to say to young audiences.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

LAST ACTION HERO (15). Movie-mad kid (Austin O'Brien) magically joins Arnold Schwarzenegger on the silver screen. Noisy mess that squanders its few good ideas. John McTiernan directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

LIQUID SKY (18): Heroin-addicted aliens visit New York model Anne Carlisle. Delirious 1982 mix of *social satire, punk fashions and* SF spoof from Russian emigré Slava Tsukerman.
ICA (071-930 3647)

MAD DOG AND GLORY (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle *jumps* across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-637 8402)

RED ROCK WEST (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle; J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

SUPER MARIO BROS (PG): Video game stars penetrate a parallel universe of reptilian thugs. Ponderous, *excessive extravaganza,* with Bob Hoskins and Dennis Hopper. Directors, Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DANCE

KIROV BALLET: After five weeks of Russian ballet — some good, some not so good — *the Kirov's Coliseum season ends today with two performances of Le Corsaire,* the most entertaining offering in the repertoire, despite its ludicrous plot. This is the Kirov at its best.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), *today, 2pm, 7.30pm.*

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: Two fine productions for London. Peter Wright's *The Sleeping Beauty* is even more faithful to the original Russian production than is the Kirov's; while MacMillan's *Romeo and Juliet* deserves its popularity. Watch for some special performances: Miyako Yoshida's ravishing Aurora; Marion Tait and Robert Hill paired as *Romeo and Juliet.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066). *Beauty:* today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm. *Romeo:* Wed-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The company is showing off its new production of *Swan Lake* by the retired Russian ballerina Raissa Struchkova. Her restaging, after the traditional Bolshoi version choreographed by Alexander Gorsky and Asaf Messerer, has already proved a valuable addition to the repertoire on tour.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon-next Sat, 7.30pm, *mats* Wed, *next Sat* 2.30pm

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

PROMS: *Highlight of the week* should be Handel's early English oratorio, *Deborah,* performed tomorrow (7pm) under the reliable direction of Robert King. The King's Consort is joined for the *occasion by the choir of New College, Oxford and the choristers of* Salisbury Cathedral, and a fine team of soloists which includes Yvonne Kenny and James Bowman. Among the other concerts of particular interest this week are two London premieres. The first is of Judith Weir's *Music, Untangled,* performed on Thursday (7pm) by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins, on a programme which also includes music by Britten (*Pas de Six* from *The Prince of the Pagodas*), Dvořák (Cello Concerto, with Sophie Rolland) and Prokofiev (Symphony No 7). The second, given on Friday (7.30pm) by the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, is of Robert Saxton's Viola Concerto, with Paul Silverthorne the soloist: the programme also includes Strauss's Oboe Concerto (with Nicholas Daniel) and Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212).

OPERA

ROBINSON CRUSOE. Like so many of Offenbach's works, this (very) distant relative of Defoe's novel more or less vanished from the stage after the composer's death. Audiences have a chance to decide whether the neglect is justified, when The English Players, who specialise in investigating obscure corners of the music theatre repertoire, present a rare performance in the 18th-century courtyard of a Gloucestershire country house.
Banks Fee, Longborough, Nr Stow-on-the-Wold, tomorrow, 5pm (Tickets and information available from the English Players 0869 278145)

TOSCA/DON GIOVANNI. English Heritage's programme of opera performances in the setting of historic ruins this weekend brings Opera Box's productions of Puccini's tragedy and Mozart's *dark comedy to Kenilworth* Castle in Warwickshire.
Kenilworth Castle, Kenilworth, today, 7pm, *Tosca,* tomorrow, 7pm, *Don Giovanni* Tickets from Ticketmaster 071-413 1443 or at the venue; information on future performances 071-973 3427.

CARMEN: The Holland Park Theatre summer season continues with Regency Opera's production of Bizet's masterpiece, *directed by Simon Gray and* conducted by Henk Schut.
Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London, W8 (bookings: 071-602 7856, information: 071-603 3436), from Tues, 7.30pm.

ROCK

DEPECHE MODE: The sultans of synth play the only UK date on *their European tour. Goth* rockers The Sisters of Mercy and Irish rappers Manxsman support.
Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London, SE19 (071-734 8932/ 081-778 0131), today, 3pm.



Christy Moore: the Irish singer plays in Cambridge

ABBOT ALE CAMBRIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL: There is a strong Irish contingent this year with the political singer/songwriter Christy Moore headlining today, and the foot-tapping Dubliners tomorrow. Other acts include harmonious sibling singers, The Roches, and hard-edged country band, The Rockingbirds.
Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds, Cambridge (bookings: 0223 463347, information: 0223 463346). *today, midday-11.30pm and tomorrow,* midday to 11pm.

INDIGO GIRLS: The unashamedly emotional duo from Georgia return for the second time this year to play two acoustic shows.
Forum, London, NW5 (071-284 2200), Tues and Wed. 7pm.

JOHN DELAFOSE AND THE EUNICE PLAYBOYS: This Zydeco line-up led by Louisiana-born accordionist Delafose offers an exuberant live show that is ideal for dancing.
100 Club, London W1 (071-636 0933), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

HERMETO PASCOAL: A chance to hear Latin jazz at its very best. A virtuoso multi-instrumentalist and composer, Pascoal plays here with his energetic group
Ronnie Scott's, London, W1 (071-439 0747), from Mon for two weeks, 8.30pm.

SCENES OF THE CITY: An ambitious multimedia performance based on the Charles Mingus piece of the same name and *presented by musicians from the* southwest of England including Charlie Heamshaw on saxes and Marcus Vergette on double bass.
Plymouth, Arts Centre (0752 660060), tomorrow, 6.45pm Exeter, Creply Park, Clyst St Mary, Campus Arts Festival (0548 821388), Thurs, 7.30pm.

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S WEEKEND: Performers at this country house jamboree include Humphrey Lyttelton, the Mike Westbrook Orchestra, guitarist Jim Mullen and trombonist Bob Brookmeyer.
Broomhill Festival, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells (0892 517720), today, and tomorrow, 10.30am-10pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

POSITIVE LIVES The most prominent in the Photographer's Gallery's *new constellation of exhibitions* is a documentation of society's response to HIV and Aids. Thirteen photo-journalists from Network Photographers have each been commissioned to explore a particular area, such as the effects on families and in prison, and *the response of the church.* Anne Testut's show "Descendance", is concerned with the rituals of French upper-class family life. The Danish photographer, Anders Rindom, exhibits black-and-white family snap shots in Matisse-like *coloured mounts.*
The Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-831 1772). Tues-Sat, 11am-7pm; "Positive Lives" until Sept 18; "Descendance" until Sept 11; "Anders Rindom" until Aug 28.

MARLENE DUMAS: The work of this Dutch artist is sometimes heavily expressionist, *sometimes simply drawing on canvas, but* always based on the human figure in all its complexity and ambiguity.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, SW1 (071-873 0061). *Daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues till 9pm), until Sept 19.*

PARADISE: The Wahgi tribe of Papua New Guinea encountered modern man for the first time just 60 years ago. This exhibition examines through documents and artefacts the way the Wahgi have changed, and the ways in which they have kept continuity.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, W1 (071-323 8043). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Dec 11, 1994.

ARATJARA: A show of contemporary Aboriginal art, which may use traditional form but is *more likely to reinterpret traditional* images in modern media.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-261 0127). Daily 10am-6pm (Tues-Wed to 8pm), until Oct 10.

BURNE-JONES: After a period of neglect, Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention. He belongs to the second, *more openly symbolist phase of* Pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Nov 7.

PICTURES IN PICTURES: The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate *the different ways a variety of* painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in interiors.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19.

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1893-1903) Pissarro virtually forsook the rural themes of his earlier work for an extended consideration of the Paris street scene. This show of more than 60 of his paintings makes a case for his sense of painting in series.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438) Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 10.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS: The avant-garde ceramist Janice Tchalenko has *combined forces with two artists from the Spitting* Image workshop, Roger Law and Pablo Bach, to create seven grotesque vessels offering a contemporary visualisation of the *Seven Deadly Sins.*
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5.50pm. Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until Sept 19.

TURNER'S PAINTING TECHNIQUES: The latest in the Tate Gallery's temporary shows of Turner's work concentrates on the evolution of his technique, from his fairly traditional beginnings to his later freer works
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, until Oct 10

225TH SUMMER EXHIBITION: In the last couple of years, there has been a more comfortable integration of abstract with representational and the whole enterprise seems to have taken on a new lease of life. Sponsored by Guinness
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm until Aug 15.

REGIONAL

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: The Scottish National Gallery's summer show to coincide with the Edinburgh Festival evokes the relationship of Hans Holbein the Younger and the English Court, featuring many famous and less-well known images, painted and drawn, from the Royal Library, Windsor. The drawings are brilliantly perceptive, the miniatures a rare delight
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2pm-5pm. During Festival, Aug 15-Sept 4, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Sept 26

PHOEBE ANNA TRAQUAIR Not exactly a household name, but Traquair was one of the most able and distinctive Scottish exponents of the Art Nouveau/Arts & Crafts range of styles and media. Perhaps relatively neglected because she worked in Edinburgh rather than Glasgow, she painted, embroidered, illuminated manuscripts, worked in mural, enamel, and metal
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm (Sundays during Festival 11am-5pm), Fri to Nov 7.

THE SUSSEX SCENE What sounds like an exercise in local history proves to be a microcosm of 20th-century British landscape art. An amazing number and variety of important artists, from Sickert to Jackowski, have visited or lived in the county; perhaps the most striking remain Eric Gill, Paul Nash, Ivon Hitchens and Edward Burra. The exhibition of more than 100 works is divided in two halves Until August 22, Part 1 is at Eastbourne and Part 2, Hove, swapping over from August 28-October 10.
Hove Museum and Art Gallery, 10 New Church Street, Hove (0273 779410). Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-4.30pm, Sun, 2-5pm.
Towner Art Gallery, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne (0323 411688). Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, Bank Holiday Mondays, 2-5pm.

THE QUEEN IS CROWNED. Marking the 40th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, this show re-creates the London of 1953, when the eyes of the world were upon *this definitive end to wartime* austerity. It features art, photographs and memorabilia of the actual coronation.
Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle (0753 860629). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Aug 30.

FROM VIEW TO VISION: The Whitworth Art Gallery's contribution to the Year of the Watercolour is, properly enough, a selection from its own collection from 1750 to 1850, Sandby to late Turner.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 9pm), until Oct 2.

MY IMAGINATION TOOK A JOURNEY: The Fitzwilliam has one of the world's largest holdings of drawings by George Romney. Though he is remembered as a portrait painter, his drawings take us into a world, full of *Sturm und Drang.*
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (0223 332900). Tues-Fri, 2-5pm, Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.15-5pm, until Sept 19.

BOOKINGS

MOZART AND PUCCINI Stowe Opera is bringing two popular productions to one of the country's most beautiful settings. *The Magic Flute and La Boheme* will be performed in the Roxburgh *Theatre in the grounds of Stowe* School, set amidst the National Trust's Landscape Gardens. The company is planning four performances of each opera.
National Trust Box Office Stowe Landscape Gardens, Buckingham MK18 5EH (0280 823334). *The Magic Flute.* Aug 19 21, 25, 27 *La Bohème* Aug 20, 22, 26, 28 Performances at 6pm

MOONLIGHT World premiere of Harold Pinter's first full-length play since 1978. Ian Holm returns to the stage to lead the cast with Anna Massey, Edward De Souza and Jill Johnson. Direction will be by David Leveaux and designs by Bob Crowley
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Previews from Sept 2 Opens Sept 7.

CINDERELLA. Northern Ballet Theatre launches its autumn/winter BT National Tour with the world premiere of Christopher Gable's *Cinderella* in the presence of Princess Margaret. Gable's choreographic debut features a new classical score by Philip Feeney
Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield (0742 769922) Sept 27-Oct 2

NEW VIDEOS

MALCOLM X (Guild, 15). Spike Lee's ambitious, reverential epic Denzel Washington is solid as the *black activist, but grindy issues* get sidestepped, and in three long hours there is little cinematic fire 1992

SIMPLE MEN (Tartan, 15): Two brothers search for their activist father Hal Hartley's patented brand of oddball philosophising and *brusque action; slicker but less* fetching than before With Robert Burke and William Sage 1992

SINGLES (Warner, 15): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings Upbeat entertainment from writer-director Cameron Crowe; engaging portrayals by Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, and even Matt Dillon. 1992



Engaging: Sedgwick and Scott from the film *Singles*

WIDE SARGASSO SEA (PolyGram, 18). Sex and voodoo in the 19th-century Caribbean. Overstuffed exotic romp from Jean Rhys's novel, with Karina Lombard and Nathaniel Parker Australian John Duigan directs 1993

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston, **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes, **Rock and Jazz:** *Stephanie Osborne; Dance:* Debra Craine, **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor, **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Mant Hargie

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NORFOLK - 8 Market Place, Aylsham, Norfolk NR11 6EH. Tel: 0263 733195. Antique Auction to be held on Tues 3rd August at 10.00am. On view 31st July 9.00am-11.30am; 2nd August 10.30-8.30 and morning of sale from 8.30. Also Pictures sale to be held on Fri 13th August at 10.00am. On view Thurs 12th August 10.00-8.30 and morning of sale.

THOMAS WILLIAM GAZE & SON - Diss Auction Rooms, Roydon Road, Diss, Norfolk. Tel: 0379 650306. *Fri 6th* August at 12.00 noon. Selective sale of Antique furniture, silver, ceramics and collectable items. On view Thurs 5th August 2-8pm and from 8.30am on *morning of sale.*

WILLIAM H BROWN - 11/14 East Hill, Colchester, Essex CO1 2QX. Tel: (0206 868070). Monday 2nd August at 1.00pm - Silver, Porcelain (A Royal Doulton Group) and Jewellery together with oil paintings attributed to Peter Wouwerman and T Lurry.

HOME COUNTIES

BURSTOW & HEWETT - Abbey Galleries, Lower Lake, Battle, Sussex TN33 0AT. Tel: 0424 772374. Wed 11th August at 11am. Sale of antiques & fine furniture. Also silver, ceramics, *metalware & jewellery. On view Tues* 10th August 9am-5pm.

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GROMATICI

(c) Writers on land-surveying, from *groma,* a measuring rod. There were several such Latin writers under the empire, including Frontinus and Hyginus, but the former's treatise on surveying is known to us only by extracts.

PERIOECI

(b) "Dwellers round" in Laconia were freeish inhabitants and neighbours of the military oligarchy and closed society of Sparta, citizens of their own city, but not of Sparta. They managed their own affairs, but their cities were forbidden to federate.

BOREAS

(c) The Greek name of the north wind, alias Aquilo in Latin. In Greek mythology, he was the husband of Orcithyia, daughter of Erechtheus, and thus specially connected with the Athenians. After Thermopylae, Boreas, invoked on the advice of Delphi, destroyed the Persian fleet at Cape Sepias. Thereafter an altar was erected to Boreas by the side of the Ilissus.

GALLUS

(b) Gaius Cornelius Gallus (69-26 BC) born in Narbonese Gaul, soldier and poet, rose from humble origins to high fortune, friend of Virgil, who celebrated him in the Eclogues and Georgics. He established the elegiac as one of the main forms of Latin poetry, writing four books on his love for the actress Cytheris, to whom he referred as Lycoris, in that metre.

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on, and "Craig Parry, of Australia.

shine but with a slight chance of showers on Friday and

Radio 5: Today: 10.30am-7.15pm. Tomorrow: 10.30am-7.15pm

Beyond the sound barrier

Youssou N'Dour talks of making modern African music that is also accessible to Western audiences. **Clive Davis** listens



Youssou N'Dour: by the late Seventies he was already one of Senegal's most renowned singers, his music reaching Europe through a multitude of pirated cassettes

Here comes the crowd, through the doors of the old Paris Opéra, past the busts of Rameau, Gluck and Lully. As they climb the gaudy Second Empire staircase, young concertgoers in blue jeans mingle with African couples dressed in sumptuous robes. It is not the kind of audience usually associated with this temple of high culture. This is, to quote the headline in the newspaper *Libération*, "une nuit noire à l'Opéra".

The evening marks the launch of "Paris Quartier d'été", a month-long multi-media festival which this year focuses on Africa. On this humid summer's evening, the audience has come to pay homage to Youssou N'Dour, the star and master of ceremonies of a pageant celebrating the cultural heritage of West Africa.

The event, drawing on the talents of some 30 musicians and dancers, is a portrait of a continent in transition between the old and the new. The show begins with a re-enactment of ancestral tales and rituals, accompanied by the hypnotic chanting and dancing of members of the devout Islamic sect Baye Fall.

After brief appearances from Aïcha Koné and Djanka Diabaté, two popular female singers from Ivory Coast and Guinea respectively, N'Dour saunters onto the stage for the climax of the show: a set by his ten-piece band, the Super Etoile de Dakar. Earlier he had sung a traditional praise-song. Now he switches to emphatic electro-pop rhythms, the sound of contemporary Senegal.

On the far side of the stage a group of traditional drummers generate complex cross-rhythms, sometimes struggling to make themselves heard above the guitars and electric keyboards. As N'Dour wends his way through his songs — some of them delivered in French, most in his native Wolof — there are shrieks of approval from the balcony. For this evening the Opéra has become a Dakar nightclub.

The following afternoon N'Dour, still tired after the night's exertions, is relaxing on the patio of his hotel, just off the tourist trail in Montmartre. He has slept late, and it will soon be time for him to read a voice-over for *Eyes Open*, a documentary about his music to be screened on Channel 4 on Tuesday. Celia Lowenstein's impressionistic film, which bears the same title as N'Dour's most recent album, traces a day in the life of Dakar as N'Dour roams the district where he grew up and learned his craft.

Now 33, he has been performing in public since he was a boy, encouraged by his mother, a member of the hereditary caste of troubadors and social commentators known as "griots". By the late Seventies he was already one of the country's most renowned singers, his music reaching expatriates in Paris and the rest of Europe through a multitude of pirated cassettes.

After N'Dour's London debut in 1984, Peter Gabriel invited him on a world tour. Soon the newcomer was taking part in an Amnesty International tour with Gabriel, Sting and Bruce Springsteen. Having signed a recording contract with Virgin, N'Dour was being groomed as the first Third World superstar since the death of his idol, Bob Marley. But while albums such as *The Lion* were generally well received by the critics, sales were disappointing — by the normal standards of rock accountancy, at least — and there was a parting of the ways.

Eyes Open, which was released last year, was issued on a label set up by the film director Spike Lee, with distribution through Columbia. "I think the problem with Virgin was that they thought of me as a pop artist," says N'Dour. "I think they expected me to sell millions of records straight away. I can't be treated like Phil Collins. C'est pas la même chose.

"Spike contacted me, and came to Dakar for two weeks. If it had just been his company, I would have said no. Spike doesn't have much experience in running a label, and he doesn't have the time. But a company like Columbia has a lot of experience with artists, like jazz musicians, who don't have a massive market."

So far his American audience has largely been confined to whites, though he recently played a concert at the celebrated Apollo Theatre in Harlem. For all the talk of Afrocentrism, most young black record-buyers remain indifferent towards the continent's pop music. While modern rap music may ultimately have roots in Africa, N'Dour regards it as a rudimentary form.

"I understand the message and where it comes from. The community has something to say and perhaps doesn't have the means to say it. They say what they feel and that's very positive, but I'm not a fan. We have a stronger form of rap back home."

Though he prefers to answer questions in French, N'Dour sang in both English and French on *Eyes Open*, as well as in three Senegalese languages. The mechanics of reaching out to an international audience clearly interest him ("I'm not happy singing in front of 2,000 people who don't understand what I'm saying"). In Lowenstein's film we see him at the mixing desk of his recording studio, demonstrating how the multi-layered rhythms in his music — known as "mbalax" (pronounced "umbalak") — can be simplified by the addition of a strong first beat, a ploy which helps outsiders get to grips with the underlying pulse.

Though the talking drum, the *tama*, is still a feature of the Super Etoile, N'Dour moved away from total reliance on traditional instruments, such as the kora, early in his career, since they could only be used in a limited number of keys. Electric guitars, while far more flexible, retain enough of the flavour of traditional music. Among some of his followers, however, there are mutterings that the process has now gone too far, and that the sound has become too Westernised.

At the Paris Opéra concert it was often difficult to hear the talking drum at all. N'Dour agrees that the sound mix is not always ideal, but the tama, he insists, will always stay at the root of his art, providing a response to his own phrases. In any case, as Célia Lowenstein points out, the urban musicians of Senegal have always absorbed outside influences.

Afro-Cuban rhythms, for example, were a staple of Dakar's nightclubs for decades; N'Dour himself started out playing in a similar style. "It's a very ghettoised view of African music to think that Africans should only make African music," says Lowenstein. "There are no more frontiers. Youssou listens to different music from around the world, and Europeans are playing African music. Dakar is both an African *and* a European city — you can't get away from that. But the griot heritage is a very important part of his work. The music may sound like rock 'n' roll but it's coming out of a tradition."

N'Dour leans forward across the table and forms a circle with his arms. "In Senegal people are very proud of me, and they think that the music is for them only. I want to go outside, and they say 'No, you must stay here.' They don't want me to play for others. I understand that, a little."

● *Eyes Open is on Channel 4 on Tuesday at 9.15pm*

Epic journeys in a northern landscape



Sibelius: a move away from folklore and towards the European symphonic tradition

Sir Colin Davis reminded us, unforgettably, of the existence of Sibelius's little-recorded symphonic poem *Kullervo* in a centenary performance of the work with the London Symphony Orchestra and Helsinki University Chorus at the Barbican's *Tender is the North* festival last autumn. Nine months earlier, the same Chorus was recording the work with the **Los Angeles Philharmonic** and Esa-Pekka Salonen (Sony SK 52563). Their taut, hard-edged performance of this dramatic episode of the *Kalevala*, epic-compendium of Finnish folklore, is a most welcome addition to the catalogue.

When the work was first performed in 1892, the conductor Robert Kajanus hailed it as "a great, rolling spring torrent of Finnish music burst upon us from the backwoods". Yet the composer wanted it destroyed. He was, after all, moving away from the folk-hero image to associate himself with the European symphonic tradition. What is more, he was unhappy with his setting of the elusive *Kalevala* metre which the

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Helsinki singers recreate so persuasively in their narrative of the fearsome events of Kullervo's life.

As the story unfolds of the fated youth's melancholic upbringing, his incestuous encounter with his sister, his battles and his suicide, Salonen and his orchestra recreate the bright, near-distance of Sibelius's violin writing, the long perspectives of his horn-calls, the teasing foreground of the wind solos, and the hill backdrop of the strings. The long, deep chords of Kullervo's fate theme, and the shamanistic power of the shuddering, re-echoing brass chords make this a compelling rite of spring, focused in the anguished voices of Jorma Hynninen and Marianna Rorholm.

Mariss Jansons and the **Oslo Philharmonic** also do Sibelius proud in their new recording of his Symphony No 2 (EMI CDC 7 54804 2). The piece needs clear, long sight to unify its apparently disconnected themes and to seize hold of its momentum; and Jansons has it. The splendid Oslo strings bring supple strength to the music's song and, in a spacious, airy recording, the finest balance to its instrumental textures.

This orchestra, too, looks to the *Kalevala* in the second of the Four Legends, "The Swan of Tuonela", from the suite Sibelius wrote around the life of the young hero Lemminkainen. Jansons's view of the strange beauty of this northern kingdom of death is a memorable one. Finely scaled, almost incorporeal playing is answered by a no less dark *Valse triste*, and then the radiant late hymn for high strings which is Sibelius's *Andante festivo*.

The new stature of the Oslo Philharmonic under Jansons has proved something of a stimulus for the **Bergen Philharmonic** up the coast. This year's Grieg celebrations, too, have clearly focused their minds and energies, and their latest recording of Grieg's Symphony and *Symphonic Dances* (Virgin Classics VC 7 59301 2) shows them to be a mettlesome band.

Contrariwise to Sibelius with his *Kullervo*, Grieg totally rejected his early Symphony because it belonged "to a vanished Schumann period of my life", and what he wanted was nourishment from Norwegian roots. True enough, despite the harmonic gear changes and melodic inflections which are distinctively, if fleetingly, Grieg's own, the Symphony does bend the knee over-reverentially to German symphonic hegemony. But it is a well-made and robustly imaginative work which acts as a good foil for the real songs of Norway which Grieg assimilated in the sophisticated yet earthy Op 64 *Symphonic Dances*.

Just in case Sweden should feel left out in all this, the **Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra** and Neeme Järvi have offered their own responses in the *Lyric Suite* and concert overture *In Autumn*, which forms another contribution to the Deutsche Grammophon's excellent Griegfest in disc (DG 437 524-2). They include the mysterious, impressionistic "Bellringing" in their soberly eloquent and meticulously studied *Lyric Suite*; and complete their programme with a muscular, heroic performance of the Piano Concerto with Lilya Zilberstein.

HILARY FINCH

Positive vibes in a casual outfit

It is a well known scientific fact that **Milt Jackson** has the ability to inject soul into any piece of music: ask him to play "God Save The Queen", and you can be confident that he will produce an exuberant *tour de force*.

This most instinctive of improvisers has long been a cornerstone of the archetypal chamber group, the Modern Jazz Quartet. Year in, year out, he has donned his dinner jacket, adopted a solemn expression, and engaged in bewitching duels with the self-consciously baroque piano of John Lewis. The contrast between Jackson's freewheeling vibraphone and Lewis's mannered lines has held the MJQ together for four decades. Long may it continue.

Jackson, though, has regularly played truant to lead his own ad hoc groups. *Statements* (Impulse! GRP-11302) is a typical, deceptively casual blowing session from 1961. Freed from the need to negotiate the MJQ's fugues, Jackson is very much at home, spinning complex variations on simple blues patterns. His pianist, Hank Jones responds in kind.

Exactly half of the MJQ is on display here, since the impeccable Connie Kay is in place at the drums. Where most drummers feel obliged to signal their presence by constantly disrupting the pulse, Kay puts himself at the service of the other musicians, creating the perfect backdrop. As a bonus, the disc also includes four solid, down-home tracks from a 1964 set with Tommy Flanagan on piano and Jimmy Heath on saxophone.

From the same decade comes a little known MJQ recording, *Under The Jasmin Tree*, the product of an unlikely partnership with the Beatles' short-lived Apple label (Apple CDSAPCOR-4). The record was issued in 1968, sandwiched between albums by James Taylor and Mary Hopkin. Dig the groovy artwork.

So, are Lewis and his colleagues buried beneath screaming feedback and love beads? Fortunately not. This is conventional MJQ fare, perhaps even more fastidious than usual, though there are some propulsive sequences in the three-part mini-suite "Three Little Feelings".

The re-mastering process leaves something to be desired — the high-pitched chimes of Kay's finger cymbals could induce a severe case of tinnitus. For completists only, I suspect.

CLIVE DAVIS

Stephen Pettitt reports from Istanbul on a wide-ranging, seven-week summer festival of music and dance

Culture at the crossroads

Istanbul is a travel writer's dream. Less obviously, and despite rampant inflation, it is home for seven weeks in the summer to a thriving festival of music and dance. This is its 21st year, and artists came from far and wide, giving concerts of everything from Turkish traditional music to rock and jazz (including concerts by Sting), as well as the solid classical fare that is at the festival's heart.

Largely thanks to the organisational acumen of the local British Council office, many of the participants this year were British. Besides individuals like George Malcolm, Evelyn Glennie, Steven Isserlis, Maggie Cole and Wayne Marshall there was also the London Symphony Orchestra and Pierre Boulez, whose two relatively adventurous programmes (Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, Webern's Op 6 Orchestral Pieces, Schoenberg's Five Pieces, Op 16, Debussy's *Jeux*) had apparently been well received the week before I arrived. The London Pro Musica Choir had also been and gone, having sung in the first performance in Turkey of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*.

Melih Fereli, previously a London-based businessman and member of the Philharmonia Choir, is the new general manager of the body responsible for the festival: the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and the Arts. A man of energy and flair, Fereli took the chair earlier in the year and so inherited somebody else's programming. Next year, with the help of the festival's general adviser, Sir John Tooley, he intends — wisely — to condense the event into a shorter time-span and also to give it a central focus. Dvořák and Czech music is high on the list of possibilities.

During my three days I heard just two, rather indifferent concerts. Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music's dogged playing of two Haydn Symphonies (Nos 57 and 64) and Mozart's Fourth Horn Concerto (rather erratically delivered by Anthony Halstead) was at least offset by their vivid performance of Luigi Boccherini's marvellously melodramatic symphony Op 12 No 4, "La Casa Diavola". Admittedly the resonant acoustic of the lovely 6th-century church of St Irene did not exactly illuminate the colours of this music.

The acoustics seemed to be more sympathetic towards the modern strings of the Israel Chamber Orchestra. For the first of the group's two concerts, however, Shlomo Mintz, its director and solo violinist, devised a curious programme whose first half, consisting of three Vivaldi Violin Concertos, all of them in D, was predictably tedious, for all the sonic beauty of Mintz's playing.

The second half offered more substantial fare, though Mintz shaped phrases awkwardly in Britten's Frank Bridge Variations, while Shostakovich's bleak Chamber Symphony, Op 118a, the string orchestra version of his Tenth Quartet, needed a greater sense of impetus.

The following evening the Royal Ballet arrived for its Turkish debut. I saw the second cast in a triple bill (they were later due to dance MacMillan's *Mayerling*). The dancing progressed from the acceptable in Anthony Dowell's realisation of Balanchine's *Ballet Imperial* to something physically crisper in Ashton's wittily touching *A Month in the Country*, and then to the intensely disciplined and moving in MacMillan's stark interpretation of Poulenc's *Gloria*.

Local hero Irek Mukhamedov was unable to dance because of injury, which disappointed audiences and sponsors; but they cannot have been disappointed by what they saw. The Istanbul State Opera and Ballet Orchestra under Anthony Twiner's baton were excellent, while Philip Gammon's piano playing in the first two pieces (Tchaikovsky's Second Piano Concerto and a challenging selection of Chopin) was positively heroic.

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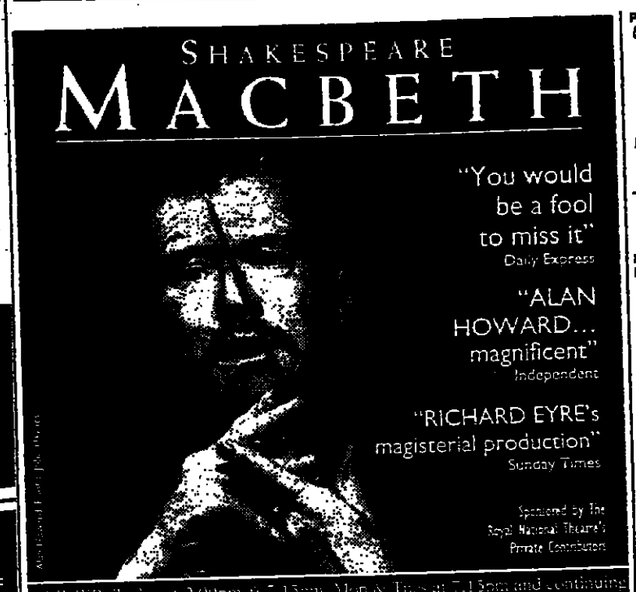
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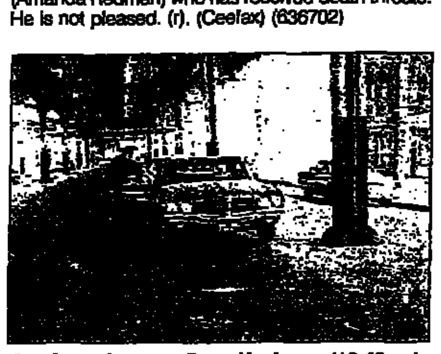
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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (6949509)
7.25 News and weather (6191986)
7.30 Pinocchio (r) (4200509) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (4213073)
8.10 McGee And Me. Live action and animated series about a cartoon character and a 12-year-old boy (6326509) **8.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7755493)
9.00 Parallel 9. Young people's entertainment (s) (88238528)
10.55 Film: Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie (1979). A compilation of Warner cartoon clips (96758580) **12.27 Weather** (7966073)
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** (3866219) **1.05** (34550344) **2.10** (48646306) and **2.50** (7026580) Diving: the European championships from Sheffield; **1.00** News (87458986); **1.30** Touring Cars: the *Auto-Trader* British championships from Knockhill, Dunfermline; **1.50** (72595948), **2.30** (6036865) and **3.05** (1523967) Racing from Goodwood; **3.25** Golf: the US Ladies Open from the Crooked Stick Club, Carmel, Indiana (2572580); **4.15** Swimming: the team synchronise event of the European championships (9049493)
5.00 News with Jennie Bond. (Ceefax). Weather (6517615) **5.10 Regional News** and sport (4308677)
5.15 Tom and Jerry – The Movie. Tony Robinson looks back at the career of the cat and mouse characters and goes behind the scenes of the making of their *first feature-length animation.* (Ceefax) (5432493)
5.55 Film: Dad's Army (1971) starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. Cinema version of the marvellous Jimmy Perry/David Croft Home Guard comedy, being shown to celebrate the *show's twenty-fifth anniversary. Directed by Norman* Cohen. (Ceefax) (11594702)
7.30 Open All Hours. Ronnie Barker stars as the miserly northern shopkeeper, pursuing his abortive courtship of the voluptuous Nurse Emmanuel *(Lynda Baron) With David Jason (r). (Ceefax) (783)*
8.00 Birds of a Feather. When the girls decide to sort out their jumble for a car boot sale, Tracey discovers a skeleton in the cupboard (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1493)
8.30 The House of Eliott. Elegant drama series set in a *1920s London fashion house.* Beatrice (Stella Genet) has split from her husband and the General Strike looms. (r). (Ceefax) (s)(950832)
9.25 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (782702)
9.45 Spender. *Jimmy Nail* as the truculent Geordie cop is assigned to protect a Tory by-election candidate (Amanda Redman) who has received death threats. He is not pleased. (r). (Ceefax) (636702)



An obsessive cop: Gene Hackman (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: The French Connection (1971) starring Gene Hackman and Roy Scheider. Gritty thriller, the winner of five Oscars, about an unorthodox *policeman's obsession to break a drugs ring* operating between Marseilles and New York. Famous for a thrillingly-staged car chase. Directed by William Friedkin (42313325)
12.20am Film: Dying Room Only (1973) starring Cloris Leachman. Suspense thriller about a wife looking for her husband who disappears mysteriously during a stop at a roadside diner. Directed by Philip Leacock (3621130) **1.30 Weather** (5470246)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Failure of Stressed Materials (7076948) **7.05** Maths: Modelling Stock Control (6939122) **7.30** Engineering Mechanics: Vibrations *(3914344)* **7.55** *Oceanography: Rockall* (4201238) **8.20** Photosynthesis Harvesting the Sun (6313035) **8.45** Arts: Melodrama (7759219) **9.10** The Cornflake Story (5211832) **9.35** DNA: The Spice of Life (6877948) **10.00** Fontainbleau: the Changing *Image of Kingship (4656561)* **10.25** *Computers:* Planning the Production (9261677) **10.50** Poetry and Landscape (5577764) **11.15** Social Science: Regions Apart? (4759238) **12.05** Bullying: Danger Children at Play. (Ceefax) (4821238) **12.30** Young Turks in Germany (3858290) **12.55** Public Murals in New york (5597325) **1.20** Living with Technology: Air Pollution (6163239) **2.10** Women in Zimbabwe: Breaking Out (14611764) **2.35** Women and Organisations (9086180)
3.00 Film: Queen of the Stardust Ballroom (1975) starring Maureen Stapleton and Charles Durning. An Emmy award-winning romantic drama about a grandmother, widowed since her twenties, who *finds romance at the local dance hall with a married* postman. Directed by Sam O'Steen (21805509)
4.35 Film: Space Raiders (1983) starring David Mendenhall and Vince Edwards. Low-budget science fiction adventure from director Roger Corman about a hijacked space vessel (1964257)
5.55 Small Objects of Desire. The story of the fish finger (r). (Ceefax) (544122)
6.15 Sweet Toronto. D.A. Pennebaker's rock documentary about the 1969 Toronto Peace Festival featuring footage of John Lennon, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard (s) (169219)
7.15 A Picture of Health?: Living with Tourette's A *report on the rare and difficult to diagnose disorder* of the nervous system, Tourette's syndrome (943073)
7.45 News with Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (243702)
8.00 Rhythms of the World: Bossa Nova. See Choice (1344)
9.00 The Wexford Trilogy: Poor Beast in the Rain. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (5409526)



Young musicians: David and Valter (10.25pm)

10.25 Teenage Diaries: Cheaptalk and Blinker-Blink. See Choice (788899)
11.15 Film: Monsieur Hire (1989) starring Michel Blanc and Sandrine Bonnaire. Polished version of the Simenon story about a voyeur who spies on the woman in the apartment opposite. When another young woman is murdered he becomes the chief suspect. English subtitles. Directed by Patrice Leconte (935615)
12.30am On the Air. Off-beat American comedy series by David Lynch and Mark Frost (37555). Ends at **1.00**

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Danger man: Cunningham, Kirwan (BBC2, 9.00pm)

The Wexford Trilogy: Poor Beast in the Rain
BBC2, 9.00pm

Billy Roche's stories of small-town Irish life were written for the stage and these adaptations make no attempt to disguise the theatrical origin. *Poor Beast In the Rain,* which launches the series, is confined to a single set and depends entirely on talk. But it is good talk and the director, Stuart Burge, keeps it flowing. The play hinges on the well-used device of disrupting a settled community with an unexpected visitor. He is a chancer called Danger Doyle (Liam Cunningham), back in town after ten years in London. All the characters have reasons for remembering him, not *least young Eileen (Dervla Kirwan) whose mother he* stole. If the structure is hackneyed, the writing is fresh, perceptive and laced with humour.

Teenage Diaries: Cheaptalk and Blinker Blinker
BBC2, 10.25pm

This week the camcorder is on two mischievous Portuguese lads, the brothers David and Valter, who live in south London. They came here three years ago and say the best thing about England is Queen, sorry Princess, Diana. The worse thing is school. The point is made by intercutting shots of David and Valter in the classroom, trying to look interested, with glimpses of a more enticing life outside. At the centre of that life is music. The boys play in a band, in clubs and pubs, and David is convinced that one day they will be famous. Meanwhile they live in bed and breakfast, hoping the council will house them. It is a cheerful, rambling film, stronger on impressions than structure. But diaries are like that.

Rhythms of the World: Bossa Nova
BBC2, 8.00pm

A celebration of the lyrical and lilting music of Brazil is built around one song and the man who composed it. Although the origins of Bossa Nova go back to the 1950s, it was effectively launched in 1962 with "The Girl From Ipanema". Evoking the tropical beach life of Rio de Janeiro, the song became an international hit, not least for Frank Sinatra. The composer was Antonio Carlos Jobim, known as Tom and the subject of effusive tributes here from Henry Mancini, Michel Legrand and Gilberto Gil. Performances of Jobim's most famous composition, as well as several others, allow the viewer to decide. The wider impact of Bossa Nova is traced through such performers as Miles Davis, Stan Getz amd Sinead O'Connor.

Opening Shot: Ballet
LWT, 12.30pm/Channel 4, 6.30pm

The arts programme for young people allows its intended audience to make a double identification, with ten and 11-year-olds hoping to make a career in *ballet* and a young star who *has* reached the top. The pupils, from Brixton and Hammersmith in London, are taking part in the Royal Ballet's Chance to Dance project for children who would not normally get to ballet classes. The enthusiasm is palpable. Their role model is Darcey Bussell, principal with the Royal Ballet, who offers advice and encouragement and demonstrates her skill in sequences from *Swan Lake* and *Mayerling.*

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5569677)
9.25 Gimme 5. Young people's entertainment (10382306)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* slot features Tracy Chapman with her 1988 hit "Fast Car" (s) (52238)
12.30 Opening Shot: Ballet (s). See Choice (76764)
1.00 News with Tim Ewart. Weather (87443054) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (87442325)
1.10 Movies, Games and Videos. Reviews of the latest films, videos and computer games (34532948)
1.40 Makita International Tournament from White Hart Lane, Tottenham. Action from the four-team *tournament. Ian St John introduces live coverage of* the second half of the game between Chelsea and Ajax and full coverage of the host team's match with Lazio (54670580)
4.45 News with Tim Ewart. Weather (4205122) **5.00 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6502783)
5.10 MacGyver. American adventures series starring Richard Dean Anderson as a resourceful special government agent. (Teletext) (5458054)
6.00 What You Lookin' At? Comedy drama series set in a London youth centre (s) (615)
6.30 Beadle's About. Another selection of practical jokes perpetrated by Jeremy Beadle on unsuspecting members of the public (r) (967)
7.00 The Best of Tommy Cooper. *Highlights from the* peerless comic conjurer's series. (Teletext) (s) (8211)
7.30 The Upper Hand. Tepid comedy series starring Joe McCann as a houskeeper working for businesswoman Diana Weston (r) (851)
8.00 The Bill: Unreliable Witness. A young petty thief escapes from PC Garfield's clutches and he incurs the wrath of Ch Insp Cato. (Teletext) (6561)
8.30 London's Burning. Drama series about the Blue Watch of a London fire station (r). (Teletext) (26948)
9.30 News with Tim Ewart. Weather (271621)
9.50 Taggart: Violent Delights. A feature-length drama in which Taggart and Jardine investigate the murder of an undertaker whose body was found in a burnt-out car. Their enquiries lead to a sixth-former who seems to be shielding his attractive French teacher. With Mark McManus, James MacPherson and Florence Guérin (r). (Teletext) (4336509)
11.20 McCloud: The 42nd Street Cavalry. The urban marshal takes to his steed as he searches New York for a police killer. Starring Dennis Weaver (r) (701306)
1.10am The Big E. Magazine for young Europeans (s) (8574389)
2.15 It's Bizarre. Off-beat chat show. The guests include the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow and Polly Perkins from the cast of the deceased soap *Eldorado* (709246)
3.15 The New Music featuring Bryan Ferry and Tasmin Archer (1743333)
4.35 BPM. Sounds from the dance music scene (s) (3925081)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe (46791). Ends at **6.00**



French connection: Guérin, McManus (9.50pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (6394509) **6.40 Bobobobs. 6.25 Ovide.** Animation (2434580) **7.05 The Legend Of** Cartoon series (7094344) **7.05 The Legend Of White Fang.** Animated adventures of Jack *London's* canine hero (6810257) **7.35 Little Dracula.** Adventures of a young bloodsucker (3908783)
8.00 Pugwall's Summer. Series about a 13-year-old who dreams of musical stardom (1476528)
8.25 Sportraits. *Profiles of the boxing champion* Henry Cooper and the Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci (4796306)
9.00 News (1907528) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (8008238)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting action (76325)
11.00 Gaelic Games 1993. Jim Neilly introduces highlights of the Leinster and Connaught football *finals* (56561)
12.00 Sumo. Japanese wrestling series (r) (56412)
12.30 Kasak. Episode 14 of the 26-part Pakistan drama. English subtitles (74306)
1.00 Film: Blithe Spirit (1945) starring Rex Harrison, Margaret Rutherford, Kay Hammond and Constance Cummings. A beautifully-made version of the famous Noel Coward comedy about a writer who enlists the help of an eccentric medium and is confronted by the mischievous ghost of his first wife. Directed by David Lean (68433054)
2.45 Film: Dick Turpin – Highwayman (1956) starring Philip Friend. The robber hero relieves a young bride of her dowry. Directed by David Paltenghi (308851)
3.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 3.20, 3.50, 4.20 and 4.50 races (75158403)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (5287035)
6.30 Opening Shot (s). See Choice (509)
7.00 The World This Week presented by Sheena McDonald. Includes an assessment of how far President Clinton is moving America in a liberal direction. Plus a **News** summary and weather (7764)
8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Looking For Billy. A repeat of the documentary about the mysterious disappearance in 1987 of the Dublin contractor Billy Dunne and his family's five-year search for him. This second showing includes a postscript bringing the story up to date. (Teletext) (6412)
9.00 Traffik. The final episode of the international drugs drama, starring Bill Paterson and Lindsay Duncan (r). (Teletext) (5403344)
10.20 The Big One. Sitcom starring the outsize *Mike* McShane and the petite Sandi Toksvig as unlikely flat sharers (r) (s) (273764)



Death threat: Mansour Diouf, right (10.50pm)

10.50 Film: Hyènes (1992). The *Cinema, Cinema!* season continues with a drama set in Senegal and *based on Friedrich Durrenmatt's play The Visit.* After 30 years a self-made millionairess returns to the poor village where she was raised and offers a large sum of money to kill her former lover. Starring Mansour Diouf and Ami Diakhate, directed by Djibril *Diop Mambety (16746257)*
12.55am Nikki, Nanka, The Prince of Colobane. A portrait of the director of the above film, made during its shooting (1627371). Ends at **1.50**

SATELLITE

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6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (14257) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (88696) **7.00** Fun Factory (8004764) **12.00** WWF Mania (26783) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (35431) **2.00** Bewitched (6967) **2.30** The Facts of Life (6219) **3.00** *Cartoons* (31141) **4.00** Dukes of Hazzard (27948) **5.00** WWF Superstars (9054) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (22967) **7.00** The Flash (69412) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (45832) **9.00** Cops I (16832) **9.30** Cops II (27412) **10.00** WWF Superstars (68783) **11.00-12.00** *Entertainment Tonight* (17698)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (14239) **6.30** News and Business Report (626412) **9.30** Talkback *(34702)* **10.30** *Week in Review (62324)* **11.30** Holiday Destinations (35782) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (65948) **1.30** The Reporters (66677) **2.30** Week in Review (16899) **3.30** Those Were The Days (85290) **4.30** Holiday Destinations (7325) **5.00** Live at Five (30899) **6.30** *Fashion TV (84290)* **7.30** *The Reporters* (9054) **9.30** Week in Review (54801) **10.30** The Reporters (11783) **11.30** Fashion TV (81054) **12.30am** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (91975) **1.30** Travel Destinations (68420) **2.30** Week in Review (74130) **3.30** *Target* (88975) **4.30** *West of Moscow* (88772) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (63505)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (46967)
8.00 A Separate Peace (1972): Drama about students at an American boarding school in 1942 (94257)
10.00 Dragnet (1969): Jack Webb investigates the murders of young models (18764)
12.00 Wonder of It All (1986): American *wildlife documentary* (77580)
2.00pm Triumph of the Heart (1991): Footballer Mario Van Peebles befriends a disabled boy, Lane Davis (59035)
4.00 The Time Guardian (1987): Killer cyborgs invade an Australian town (4986)
6.00 Knightrider 2000 (1991): David Hasselhoff fights for law and order (79899)
8.00 Highlander II – The Quickening (1991): Immortals Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery team up again (74344)
10.00 Backdraft (1991): Kurt Russell and *William Baldwin as fire-fighters (17307388)*
12.20am Mirror Images (1991): Erotic thriller with Delia Sheppard (866772)
1.55 Bed of Lies (1992): Susan Dey's husband is physically abusive (21987466)
4.00 The Heart of the Lie (1992). A *policewoman, Lindsay Frost, is jailed for* murder (46913). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w): Peter Lorre is menaced by the severed hand of a dead pianist (2948)
6.00 Elephant Walk (1954): Elizabeth Taylor marries plantation owner Peter Finch (20561)
8.00 The Conversation (1974): Surveillance expert Gene Hackman becomes embroiled in a conspiracy (32306)
10.00 First Blood (1982): Vietnam veteran Sylvester Stallone is hounded by sheriff Brian Dennehy (156832). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am High Flight (1958) Ray Milland trains RAF cadets (44509)
8.00 Situation Hopeless – But Not Serious (1965): German clerk Alec Guinness captures American pilots Robert Redford and Mike Connors (92899)
10.00 Tender Mercies (1982). Country singer Robert Duvall meets widow Tess Harper (16306)
12.00 Wings of Fame (1990) Peter O'Toole is reunited with his killer, Colin Firth (75122)
2.00pm The Fire in the Stone (1985): *Teenagers search for stolen opals (57677)*
4.00 Memphis (1991). Three whites kidnap the grandson of a black industrialist in the 1950s. Starring Cybill Shepherd (2528)
6.00 Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (1991): Dudes Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves meet the Grim Reaper (60141)
8.00 What About Bob? (1991) Phobic Bill Murray pesters psychiatrist Richard Dreyfuss and family on holiday (72998)
10.00 Rescue Me (1992) Stephen Dorff sets out to rescue his dream girl, Ami Dolenz, with the help of Michael Dudikoff (611213)
11.40 Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon (1970): Three misfits share a house With Liza Minnelli (145986)
1.35am The Pit and the Pendulum (1990). Based on Edgar Allen Poe's story (626082)
3.15 Dracula (1979) Frank Langella stars as the Count (25434555) Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (20696) **7.00** Ironman (55122) **8.00** Superteams 1985 (56851) **9.00** *Windsurfing (73702)* **9.30** *Sports Special* (59324) **10.00** Jack High Bowls (7362702) **10.55** Rugby Union: Australia v South Africa (91743122) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (8349290) **5.00** Australian Rugby League (74431) **7.00** Rugby Union (as 10.55am) *(55870)* **9.00** *US PGA Golf: St Jude Classic* (97219) **11.00** Canadian Open Tennis (17493) **1.00-2.30am** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (37401)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (56509) **8.00** Motorsport (58219) **9.00** Scandinavian Golf (48141) **10.00** IAAF Athletics (45493) **11.00** Boxing (65257) **12.00** Swimming (32667) **1.30pm** ATP Tennis: Dutch Open (97141) **3.30** Swimming (24764) **5.00** Scandinavian Golf (76899) **7.00** ATP Tennis: Dutch Open (57238) **9.00** WTA Tennis (916509) **12.00-1.00am** Scandinavian Golf (47159)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (8611431) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (8807238) **8.00** Lassie (2722141) **8.30** Dog House (2721412) **9.00** Jem (2712764) **9.30** The Raccoons (8585122) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (8217734) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (2718948) **11.00** Film: The Helicopter Spies (1968) starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (98769986) **12.40pm** Film: Contraband (1940, b/w) starring Conrad Veidt (46921306) **2.15** Bless This House (9111290) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (42869870) **5.30** The Secret Garden (5763851) **6.00** The Little and Large Show (5760764) **6.30** Just for Laughs (5784344) **7.00** Bless This House (2898493) **7.30** In Sickness and in Health (5780528) **8.00** Bergerac (8134257) **9.00** The Perry Mason Mystery (19556832) **10.45** Film: The Sicilian (1987) starring Christopher Lambert (3488073) **12.45am** Naked Video (3273623) **1.15** Three of a Kind (3270536) **1.45-2.15** Video Bites (3279807)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (38290) **7.00** The Dipodos (21412) **7.30** Widget (17215) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (92851) **8.30** Ratkan & (813986) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (26257) **12.00** Dinonders (77798) **12.30pm** Swamp Thing (44702) **1.00pm** Fifteen Omnibus (43257) **2.00** Just Us (5899) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1561) **3.00** You Can't Do That on Television (4306) **3.30** All Change (3306) **4.00** The Electric String Vest (19780) **5.00** The Bartons (9851) **5.30** 3-2-1 Contact (2677) **6.00-7.00** Fame (29493)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** Anglia News (87442325) **1.10-1.40** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (34532948) **5.00** Anglia News, Sport & Weather (6502783) **5.10** Warner *Cartoon (4326073)* **5.15-6.30** Baywatch (4870528) **11.20** Summer Dreams: The Story Of The Beach Boys (701306) **1.10am** Hollywood Report (5688284) **1.45** The Twilight Zone (4848536) **2.30** BPM (22212) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (16517) **4.30-** *5.30 The Big E (66536)*

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** Central News (87442325) **1.10** C.O.P.S. (34542325) *1.35 Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (24348948)* **2.05** Wheels in Sport (21801783) **2.35** The Munsters Today (5498126) **3.00** The A-Team (1125528) **3.50** Cartoon (9381948) **4.00-4.45** WCW World Wide Wrestling (9046306) **5.00-5.10** Central News (6502783) **11.20** *Film: The Cops and Robin (Ernest Borgnine,* Michael Shannon) (701306) **1.10am** It's Bizarre! (8951389) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8120555) **2.35** America's Top 10 (7438536) **3.05** Video Jazz (5298159) **4.10** Central Jobfinder 93 (7421178) **5.20-5.30** *Asian Eye (9215826)*

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** Granada *News (87442325)* **1.10** Success In Cycles (34532948) **1.40** Film: Run, Simon, Run (1191054) **3.05** The A-Team (1108851) **4.00-4.45** Superstars Of Wrestling (9046306) **5.00** Granada News (4302493) **5.05-6.00** Baywatch (2628290) **11.25** Summer *Dreams: The Story Of The Beach Boys* (311832) **1.10am** Hollywood Report (5688284) **1.45** The Twilight Zone (4848536) **2.30** BPM (22212) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (16517) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66536)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** HTV News & Weather (87442325) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (34532948) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (24347219) **2.10** McCloud (451412) **3.50-4.45** *Baywatch (1018412)* **5.00-5.10** HTV News & Weather (6502783) **11.25** Summer Dreams: The Story Of The Beach Boys (311832) **1.10am** Hollywood Report (5688284) **1.45** The Twilight Zone (4848536) **2.30** BPM (22212) **3.30** The Little *Picture Show (16517)* **4.30-5.30** *The Big E* (66536)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.10 HTV Wales News & Weather (87442325) **5.00-** *5.10 HTV Wales News & Weather (6502783)*

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (76764) **1.05** Meridian *News & Weather (87442325)* **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (34532948) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (24347219) **2.10** Film: Vanishing Act (181141) **4.00-4.45** WCW World Wide Wrestling (9046306) **5.00-5.10** Meridian News & Weather (6502783) **11.20** *Film: Dadah Is Death (312581)* **1.05am** The Big E (5701866) **2.00** Film: Sandokan Against The Leopard Of Sarawak (25791) **3.30** Cue The Music (16517) **4.30-5.30** BPM

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** Tyne Tees News (87442325) **1.10-1.40** Champions (34532948) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (6502783) **11.20** Film: Bang The Drum Slowly (312581) **1.05am** Coach (8488913) *2.35 BPM (3553246)* **3.35** *The Little Picture* Show (6705265) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (76764) **1.05** Westcountry *Weekend Latest (87442325)* **1.10** Like Father, Like Son (2488621) **2.00** Film: Istanbul Express (178677) **3.45** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (306493) **4.15-4.45** The Mountain Bike Show (921651) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (6502783) **11.25** *Summer Dreams: The Story Of The* Beach Boys (311832) **1.10am** Hollywood Report (5688284) **1.45** The Twilight Zone (4848536) **2.30** BPM (22212) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (16517) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66536)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos *(76764)* **1.05** Calendar *News (87442325)* **1.10-1.40** Champions *(34532948)* **5.00-5.10** *Calendar News* (6502783) **11.20** Film: Bang The Drum Slowly (312561) **1.05am** Coach (5772265) **1.35** Kojak (5888420) **2.35** B.P.M. (9553246) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6705265) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (3925061)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am The Legend Of White Fang (6810257) **7.35** Little Dracula (3908783) **8.00** Pugwall's Summer (1476528) **8.25** Sportraits (4796306) **9.00** News Summary (1907528) *9.15 Racing: The Morning Line (8008238)* **10.00** Slot Sadwrn (83054) **12.00pm** Trans World Sport (86141) **1.00** Gaelic Games (82681) **2.00** Criced '93 Tiws Tetley Bitter Morgannwg v Australia (5049122) **3.15** Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket (75158403) **5.05** Brookside (5287035) **6.30** Hypnosis (509) **7.00** Newyddion (354122) **7.15** Gemau Heb Ffiniau (2938528) **8.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (17290) **9.30** Brigitte Bardot: The Reluctant Goddess (87870) **10.00** Film: Nikita (33539431) **12.05am** Just For Laughs (6522401)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Hell for Leather: John Peel looks at the history of motorbikes and their riders **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show presented by Alan Freeman **7.30** In Concert. P.J. Harvey, recorded at the Forum **8.30** Intimate Contact with Julian Clary **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Sujata Barot **8.05** Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Chris Stuart **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** Jimmy's Cricket Team **2.00** Summer Afternoon with Ed Stewart **4.00** Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough with New Country **6.00** Steve Race **7.00** Kabe and Friends **7.30** Dancing Through the War: Ken Bruce celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the RAF Association **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Jon Briggs

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** The Adventures of Superman **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (r) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five: Eleanor Oldroyd presents swimming, show jumping, motorcycling, golf, racing from Goodwood and county cricket **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide: A Visit to South Africa **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** Proms '93 **8.19** Prom Filler **8.24** News **8.25** From Our Own Correspondent **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** *Play of the Week: Under Milk Wood* **3.00** *Newsdesk* **3.30** The Odd Couple **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Romanian State Opera performs Verdi's *Nabucco* **10.00** Six of the Best **Midnight** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Big Red Mug Show with Chris Evans **1.00pm** Paul Coyte **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Wendy Lloyd **11.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Sullivan and His Music
6.55 Weather
7.00 Saturday Morning Concert: Berlioz (Overture, Waverley); *Ravel* (Valses nobles et sentimentales); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor: Artur Pizarro); Ibert (Escales); Falla (Ballet, The Three-Cornered Hat: Christine Cairns, mezzo)
9.00 News
9.05 Prom News: Charles Hazlewood, with early music conductor Robert King, composer Judith Weir and violinist Anthony Marwood, discuss next week's Promenade concerts. There is also a look at the planning of the Proms Guide and the *concert programmes*
9.20 Record Release, with Richard Osborne. Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F: Berlin SO under Kurt Sanderling); Schumann (Kinderszenen: Vladimir Horowitz, piano); Barber (Knoxville, Summer of 1915: Netherlands PO under Edo de Waart); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 2 in D: Rimma Sushanskaya, violin, Roger Vignoles, piano); Enescu (Symphony No 2 in A, Op 17: Monte Carlo PO under Lawrence Foster)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Christopher Page and the lutenist Christopher Wilson examine the way in which music-making is depicted in the National Gallery's treasures from the Middle Ages and Renaissance (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Cherubini Quartet performs Mendelssohn (String Quartet in A minor, Op 13); Janáček *(String Quartet No 2, Intimate* Letters); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80). Including at **2.10** Interval Reading
2.45 Le Comte Ory: In a recording made in 1956, the Glyndebourne Festival Chorus and Orchestra under Vittorio Gui performs Rossini's opera in two acts, to a libretto by *Eugène Scribe and Charles-*Gaspard Delestre-Poirson. Sung in French. With Juan Oncina as Count Ory and Sari Barabas as Countess Adele
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Opera News, with James Naughtie
6.30 Bach and Britten: Robert Cohen, cello, performs Bach (Cello Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008); Britten (Cello Suite No 2, Op 80)
7.15 Prom News (as 9.05am)
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Royal Scottish National Orchestra under Walter Weller performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: Karin Adam); **8.15** A Little Bit of Trust: A short story by Dilys Rose about a British woman tourist in Morocco. Read by Alison Peebles (r). **8.35** Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
9.35 Studio Three: Testosterone I Sing. See Choice
10.25 Oscar Peterson Trio: The first in a weekly series of jazz concerts from the Radio 3 archives. Geoffrey Smith introduces a concert recorded in 1984 at the Barbican Hall. The Canadian pianist Oscar Peterson, Niels-Henning Orsted Pederson, bass, and Martin Drew, drums, play Falling in love with love, Time after time, Lush life, Caravan, Who can I turn to?, Satin doll, The man I love and Blues etude (r) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Julian Pettifer and Alanah Martin explore the French Riviera
10.00 News; The Masterson Inheritance: An improvised *historical saga. With Josie* Lawrence and Paul Merton (r)
10.30 In Excess: Armando Iannucci explores our seemingly sex-obsessed society
11.00 News; Talking Politics, presented by Peter Riddell, political editor of *The Times*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Inside Money: Roger White reports on the pitfalls of buying property abroad
12.25pm They Think It's All Over: Desmond Lynam referees the sports quiz. Team captains Rory Bremner and Rory McGrath are joined by Lucinda Green and Adrian Moorhouse (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? MPs Roger Evans and Simon Hughes; Clare Short, shadow environment spokesperson; and Dafydd Wigley, MP, president of Plaid Cymru, tackle the issues raised in Barmouth, Gwynedd. Chairman Nick Clarke (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Invitation to the Waltz. Angela Pleasence stars in Michael Voysey's dramatisation of the novel by Rosamond Lehmann. During a moment of insanity, Olivia accepts an invitation to her first dance where she meets Rollo (Simon Cadell). The story of their affair is told in tonight's *Saturday Night Theatre* (r)
4.00 News; Age to Age: Christopher Cook traces the history of education in Britain
4.30 Science Now, presented by Alun Lewis
5.00 Costing the Earth: Roger *Harrabin reports* on waste disposal and recycling
5.25 Bright Sparks: Anne Kelleher talks with the physicist Dr Ruth Gregory who now works in Chicago on the formation of galaxies **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sport
6.50 The Locker Room: Tom Robinson presents the series for and about men
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Andy Turvey, an ambulance driver in *Casualty,* presents the inside story of the television extra
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Weather in the Streets. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the novel by Rosamond Lehmann charts Olivia's affair with the married Rollo
9.20 Music in Mind with Brian Kay
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Ninetysomething: See Choice
10.45 Encounters, with Christopher Cook (r)
11.00 The Tingle Factor: The writer and broadcaster Joan Bakewell talks about her favourite music to Jeremy Nicholas (r)
11.30 The Young Postmen: A comedy by Ben Miller (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Ninetysomething. *Radio 4, 10.15pm.*

All spoilt, bored, children should be taken by the scruff of the neck and forced to listen to these childhood reminiscences of three nonagenarians and one centenarian. The only affection that one of them received came from the fairies at the bottom of her garden. Another was taken into a home for fatherless *children* and given a number instead of a name until her callous mother re-married. Miriam Aktar's programme provides marvellous documentary evidence of what deprivation really meant in past times, which are best forgotten except when pampered modern kids bemoan their fate.

Testosterone I Sing. *Radio 3, 9.35pm.*

Cutting back and forth from the epic heroes of the Trojan wars to the unsung heroes of an English cricket match, Steve May's bawdy comedy fits naturally into Radio 3's Sunday experimental theatre slot. In terms of male obsessions, it finds little difference between the machismo of the war game, with swords hissing out of scabbards, and the power struggle fought out with fixture list, bat and ball. The play's title is a real puzzler.

Peter Davalle

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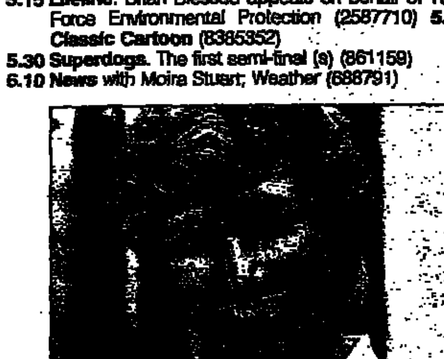
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (45401)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (1706642) **7.40 Pigeon Street.** Cartoon (r) (1793178) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (5942082)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost with Martyn Lewis standing in (178352)
9.15 Getting Through. Alma Moore talks about the death of her husband Ray. Last in the series (r) (9204807) **9.30 This is the Day.** Judy Merry visits Leith School of Art in Edinburgh (s) (80913)
10.00 See Heart *Festival*, another in the series of programmes from America (s) (30081)
10.30 Film: Wake of the Red Witch (1948, b/w). Lively adventure about rivalry in the South Seas. With John Wayne. Directed by Edward Ludwig (24181951). **Wales:** *Cricket — Glamorgan v Australians*
12.10 Wilderness is Not a Place. RSPB film looking at the bird life of a river estuary (2712517) **12.30 CountryFile** with John Craven (2042517). **Wales:** Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (71726178)
1.00 News (98550941) ***1.05 Cartoon Double Bill*** (84158975)
1.15 Harry and the Hendersons. (Ceefax) (21558642)
1.35 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories. New series of bizarre tales. (Ceefax) (s) (19615333)
2.00 EastEnders. *Omnibus* (31710)
3.00 Film: Grease 2 (1982). Uninspired sequel to the hit musical, saved by the presence of a young Michelle Pfeiffer. Co-starring Maxwell Caulfield. Directed by Patricia Birch. (Ceefax) (43351062)
4.50 The Flintstones. Prehistoric fun (3381604)
5.15 Lifeline. Brian Blessed appeals on behalf of Tusk Force Environmental Protection (2587710) **5.25 Classic Cartoon** (8385352)
5.30 Superdogs. The first semi-final (s) (861159)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart; Weather (688791)



Songs of the Clyde: Pam Rhodes (6.25pm)

6.25 Summer Praise. Pam Rhodes presents the first of six programmes from outdoor locations. Rothesay-born singer Lena Zavaroni sings on television for the first time in six years. (Ceefax) (s) (227826)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine. *Gentle comedy with Bill* Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde as the lovable codgers (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2178)
7.30 As Time Goes By. Return of Bob Larbey's romantic comedy with Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r). (Ceefax) (s) (88)
8.00 Strathblair. Scottish drama (149284)
8.50 News with Michael Buerk (244246)
9.05 Resnick: Lonely Hearts. Two-part version of the first *Resnick* story. The Nottingham policeman (Tom Wilkinson) finds himself embroiled in a difficult murder case which adversely affects his private life. Adapted from John Harvey's novel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6760710)
10.30 Everyman: Dot, Top Men and the Joeys. (Ceefax) See Choice (545826)
11.10 The Train Now Departing. A feature on the steam *service on the Isle of Man (r)* (733159). Wales: Cricket — Glamorgan v Australians 11.40 The Train Now Departing 12.10am-1.50 Film: A Fine Madness
11.40 Film: A Fine Madness (1966). Offbeat comedy with Sean Connery in good form as the bumptious poet who accepts an invitation to stay in a mental health institute. Joanne Woodward co-stars. Directed by Irvin Kershner (350401)
1.20am Weather (4411753)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Klein's Unification of Geometry (2183913) **7.05** Child Development. — Social Cognition (7899159) **7.30** Databases: Inside SQL (3716130) **7.55** Fontainebleau: the Changing Image of Kingship (3047455) ***8.20 Black Girls in Search of*** Learning (1935062) **8.45** Open Forum: why dinosaurs became extinct (6813062)
9.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. Cartoon (r) (9476604) **9.30 Jonny Briggs.** Albert has a bright idea (r) (6559371) ***9.50 System 93.*** Herman the computer hosts an international game show (6537159) **10.15 Rugrats.** Cartoon (s) (3294975)
10.40 Grange Hill. Another episode from the second series originally shown in 1979. Cathy is distraught when her father disappears (r) (4772333)
11.05 F.O.T. Quiz based on the question: false or true? (6879848)
11.25 What's that Noise? The Tracy Brothers arrive in Bath where they run into Womad (r) (s) (6059246)
11.55 The O-Zone. *Pop magazine featuring* a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the new Bad Boys Inc video shoot (s) (7517449)
12.10 Giverny/Seeing is an Illusion. Two films which pay tribute to the work of painters Claude Monet and *René Magritte (2710159)*
12.30 Sunday Grandstand. Featuring motorcycling from the British Grand Prix in Donington, swimming from the European Championships in Sheffield and showjumping from the European Chamionships in Gijon, Spain. Introduced by Steve Rider (6181265). **Wales:** Includes Cricket: Glamorgan v Australians
7.00 Rough Guide to The World's Islands: New Zealand. The travel programme begins in the fitness-obsessed port of Auckland and moves on to the earthquake-threatened Wellington and a *new* age Mecca, Queenstown (r) (s) (342994)



Fifties boom: Middle Eastern oil (7.50pm)

7.50 The Prize: Crude Diplomacy (s) See Choice (404333)
8.45 Summer Dance: Ghost Dances and Journey. *The series celebrating distinguished* choreographers features Christopher Bruce who becomes the artistic director of Britain's Rambert Dance Company next year. The Houston Ballet performs two of his works, *Ghost Dances*, a work set to the folk music of South America, and *Journey*, which he created as a tribute to the Danish dancer, Erik Bruhn (s) (6511710)
9.50 Film: Django (1966). Violent spaghetti western about a drifter (Franco Nero) who takes on the Ku Klux Klan. Directed by Sergio Corbucci. (Ceefax) (187062)
11.30 Film: Grim Prairie Tales (1989). Two travellers try to scare each other with ghoulish fireside stories. With James Earl Jones and Brad Dourif. Directed by Wayne Coe. (Ceefax) (378807). Ends at **1.05am**

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CHOICE



Motherly advice: Dot Burrows (BBC1, 10.30pm)

Everyman: Dot, Top Men and the Joeys
BBC1, 10.30pm

Dot Burrows is the warden of a hostel for young male offenders near Manchester. She is tough and shrewd and, *given the nature of her charges*, she needs to be. One of her tasks is sorting out the bullies (the "top men") and their victims (the Joeys). Dot is sympathetic but unsentimental. The weaklings, as she calls them, must learn to build up their confidence and say no. Although *she is not misty-eyed about it. Dot believes* there is good in everyone. She sees her job as channelling the good and getting rid of the bad. She is aware that many of the young criminals are victims as well. Many are from broken homes, some have been abused. But *the cycle of crime and prison is difficult to* break, even for someone as committed as Dot.

Frontline
Channel 4, 8.30pm

In a forthright contribution to the Channel 4 Bosnia season the journalist Maggie O'Kane argues that the chief villain of the conflict *is the president of Serbia*, Slobodan Milosevic. She presents him as a power-hungry nationalist, determined to create a greater Serb state at any price. She claims that hit squads secretly endorsed by Milosevic were used to destabilise Bosnia and Croatia. She accuses Milosevic of arming the private Serbian militia which has been responsible for ethnic cleansing, rapé and execution. Taking her courage in her hands, O'Kane confronts the leader of the militia, Voyesalv Seselj. He deflects her questions with a *smug* grin. *She gets* angry. It is a highly charged encounter, gripping to watch.

Kinnock — The Inside Story
ITV, 10.50pm

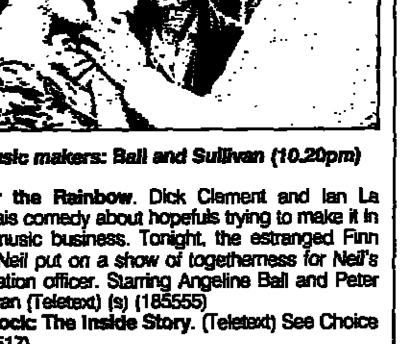
The penultimate instalment of Neil Kinnock's memoirs runs from the 1987 general election to the fall *of Margaret Thatcher. The lesson drawn by Kinnock* from Labour's third successive election defeat was that the policies would have to change. The result was a series of spectacular U-turns, not least on defence where Kinnock was forced to abandon his *unilateralism. The process was slow and frustrating.* Weary of the battle, and under attack from colleagues as well as the media, Kinnock reveals that he came close to resigning. But he survived a leadership challenge and stayed to see the end of Mrs Thatcher. He reckoned that her departure would make the next election harder to win. If only he had known.

The Prize: Crude Diplomacy
BBC2, 7.50pm

The history of the oil industry comes, inevitably, to affairs in the Middle East. The American provenance of the series may be responsible for a programme which gives more emphasis to United States *involvement in Saudi Arabia than British activity in* Iran. The balance is restored towards the end, though mainly to relate how the CIA toppled Mossadiq, the eccentric Iranian prime minister who liked to conduct business from his bed. American bias apart, *The Prize continues to be a watchable and instructive series.* While shrewdly aware that personalities and anecdotes make for attractive viewing, it also makes accessible the political background. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4328710)
9.25 Heidi. Clara's grandmother is kind to Heidi (5634913) **9.50 The Littlest Hobo.** Hobo helps a couple who are eloping (6557913) ***10.15 The Mountain Bike Show.*** Action and information for bike enthusiasts (929868)
10.45 Link. First of five programmes on disabled artists. Today, a profile of disabled Broadway actor, Jerry McGill. (Teletext) (8171604)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Warwick (68352)
12.00 Life and Soul. Ben Tenenblat and friends explore the Jewish way of life (35975)
12.30 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles. David Young visits thatched buildings in the West Country (86197)
1.00 News and Weather (84144772)
1.10 Cartoon Time (21551739) **1.30 An Invitation to Remember.** The career of Brian Rix (85468)
2.00 Highway. *Sir Harry Secombe travels to North* Yorkshire and meets the Archbishop of York, John Hapgood. (Teletext) (1552284)
2.35 Football. Live coverage of the final of the Makita International Tournament (14371352)
4.45 Athletics. *Live action from Cologne introduced by* Jim Rosenthal (7180265)
6.00 London Tonight (323352)
6.20 News and Weather (215994)
6.30 Father Dowling Investigates. The ghost of *Sherlock Holmes comes to Father Dowling's aid* With Tom Bosley. (Teletext) (s) (49159)
7.30 Second Thoughts. Comedy series about love second-time around. Faith announces that she wants another baby. With James Bolam and Lynda *Bellingham (r).* (Teletext) (s) (4)
8.00 Film: One, Two, Buckle My Shoe. Agatha Christie drama in which Hercule Poirot looks into the mystery of a dental patient shot dead after leaving the surgery. With David Suchet as the master sleuth (r). (Teletext) (9791)
10.00 News and weather (790536)



Music makers: Ball and Sullivan (10.20pm)

10.20 Over the Rainbow. Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais comedy about hopefuls trying to make it in the music business. Tonight, the estranged Finn *and Neil put on a show of togetherness for Neil's* probation officer. Starring Angeline Ball and Peter Sullivan (Teletext) (s) (185555)
10.50 Kinnock: The Inside Story. (Teletext) See Choice (907517)
11.40 Film: The Ryan White Story (1989). Lukas Haas stars as a 13-year-old haemophiliac who contracts Aids and then has to deal with prejudice in the community. A sensitive film by John Herzfeld. George C. Scott co-stars (881082)
1.25 Island Son. American medical drama starring Richard Chamberlain (9101622)
2.20 Cue the Music *with Spandau Ballet (9595734)*
3.25 Extreme Asia. The Asian youth culture and music series today includes a feature on a Chinese heavy rock band (6775024)
4.00 Night Heat. Giambone and O'Brien have to protect *an informer (23111)*
5.00 Crusade in the Pacific. The early Japanese victories in the second world war (46482)
5.30 ITN Morning News (68043). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (1992951) **6.55 Ovide** (6318246) ***7.05 The Wombles*** *(r) (5024623)* **7.15 Madeline.** Animation about a mischievous French girl (7608807) **7.40 The California Raisin Show** Musical animation (r) (3730710)
8.05 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (9619739) **8.30 The Adventures of T-Rex** (22401)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. Drama about an aspiring rock band (46081) **9.30 Dennis.** Cartoon adventures (r) (4182975)
9.45 Flipper. Everyone's favourite dolphin becomes victim of a hunter (935449)



Animal magic: Michaela Strachan (10.15am)

10.15 Owl TV. Return of the wildlife and environmental programme for children. Michaela Strachan meets gopher tortoises in Florida *and learns about the* tiger lurking in your cat. (Teletext) (910130)
10.45 Land of the Giants. The little people take part in a deadly chess game (r) (180197)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The Walnut Grove families are shocked by what has *happened to their* home (179081)
12.45 Film: Camelot (1967). Kitsch musical starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave. Adapted from the Broadway show, which took its story from the legend of King Arthur and his Round Table Directed by Joshua Logan (60176536)
3.55 Orchestra! Dudley Moore and Sir Georg Solti consider the role of the piano in an orchestra (r) (s) (9423449)
4.35 The Christians. How the Jesuits rose to spearhead the Counter-Reformation (r). (Teletext) (4841178) Followed by **News** and Weather (8378062)
5.30 Hypnosis. Dance music show (s) (49) **6.00 The Real World.** The girls are offered a trip to Jamaica (s) (62)
6.30 The Cosby Show. Comedy (Teletext) (s) (2)
7.00 Sound Stuff Guy Ersemann continues his examination of the life and work of the Czech composer, Antonin Dvořák (s) (7197)
8.00 Bloody Bosnia: Opinions. *A new series of* programmes about the situation in Bosnia begins with Hungarian businessman, George Soros, and Belgrade-born avant-garde film-maker Dusan Makavejev, discussing the wider ramifications of the *conflict. (Teletext) (4536)*
8.30 Bloody Bosnia: Frontline. (Teletext) See Choice (6371)
9.00 Film: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1966). Frantic musical comedy starring Zero Mostel, *Phil Silvers and Buster Keaton* and set in a weird and wonderful version of first-century Rome. Directed by Richard Lester (Teletext) (59072555)
10.50 Out of Africa. The final programme in the series looks at the economic crisis in sub-Saharan Africa (s) (6104517)
11.55 Bloody Bosnia: Artists for Bosnia. *First of a* week-long series of performances by European artists to raise money for Bosnian refugees. Royal Ballet dancers Zoltan Solymosi and Sylvie Guillem perform an excerpt from *Manon* (s) (773062)
12.10 Film: Homecoming (1984): *Drama about a* Hong Kong business woman who returns to a small village in China. In Mandarin with English subtitles Directed by Yim Ho (719376). Ends at **1.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am Daffy Duck's Movie: Fantastic Island (7497807) **10.05** Warner Cartoon (1309449) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (929868) **11.00-12.00am** Morning Worship (68352) 12.30pm Countrywide (2060913) **1.10** WCW World Wide Wrestling (7955842) ***1.50-2.00*** *Warner Cartoon* (93087984) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (323352) **11.40** The Twilight Zone (531913) **12.10am** Quiz Night (6590802) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5646869) **1.10** Film: The Crossing (674109) **2.50** The New *Music* (1929260) **3.55** *Entertainment U.K.* (3384227) **4.50** America's Top 10 (33288111) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6593802)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Daffy Duck's Movie: Fantastic Island (7497807) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1309449) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (929868) **12.30pm** Central Newsweek (2060913) **1.10-2.00** Family Theatre (3914062) **2.35** Take 15 (4971826) **2.50** Challenge Of The Seas (6185739) **3.20** Life Goes On (2972197) **4.15-4.45** The $64,000 Question (831284) **6.00** Cartoon Time (684975) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (49159) **1.25am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (9101622) **2.20** Riviera (1612918) **3.15** The ITV Chart Show (801269) **4.15** Jobfinder (7406869) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9282598)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Film: Good For Nothing The Bravest Knight (1129791) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (929868) **11.00-12.00am** Morning Worship (68352) **12.25pm** HTV News & Weather (5091975) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (86197) **1.10-2.00** The A-Team (3914062) **2.35** Meredith On Sunday (2079468) **3.10** Travelling Horses (4792449) **3.25** Wrestling (8594420) **4.15-4.45** The $64,000 Question (831284) **6.00-6.20** Cartoon Time (684975) **11.40** Love At First Sight (547604) **12.12am** Quiz Night (6590802) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5646869) **1.10** Film: The Crossing (674109) **2.50** The *New Music* (1929260) **3.55** Entertainment U.K. (3384227) **4.50** America's Top 10 (33288111) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6593802)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.30-1.00 Playback (86197) **2.35-3.10** HTV Wales: A Visit to the Eisteddfod (2079468) **12.10am-12.40** Quiz Night (6590802)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am *Daffy Duck's* Movie: Fantastic Island (7497807) **10.05** Cartoon (1309449) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (929868) **12.30pm** The Turning Point (4029401) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (29795062) **1.10-2.00** The Wonderful World Of Disney (3914062) **2.35** Film: Sands Of The Desert (25140420) **4.15-4.45** Champions (831284) **6.00** Cartoon (684975) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (49159) **1.25am** The ITV Chart Show (2961734) **2.25** The Art Of Landscape (6185482) **2.55** The Pier (8277802) **3.30** Anything Goes (92227) **4.30** An Invitation To Remember (75482) ***5.00-5.30*** *Freescreen (46482)*

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25am-10.15 Film: Pippi Longstocking (1129791) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8757284) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees Newsweek (29795062) ***1.10-2.00*** *Film:* Castaway Cowboy (3914062) **6.00-6.20** Tyne Tees Weekend (323352) **1.25am** Quiz Night (2098802) **1.55** The Beat (8093376) **2.55** Zara Dhyan Dein (5661753) **3.00** Film: Mother Holle (746802) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (7005171)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am Daffy Duck's Movie: Fantastic Island (7497807) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1309449) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (929868) **12.30pm-1.00** Westcountry Update (2060913) **1.10-2.00** *Film:* Sky High (3914062) **2.35** My Story (4971826) **2.50** Life Goes On (3854420) **3.45** Champions (216826) **4.15-4.45** The $64,000 Question (831284) **6.00** Cartoon Time (684975) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (49159) **11.40** Love At First Sight (531913) **12.10am** Quiz Night (6590802) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5646869) **1.10** Film: The Crossing (674109) **2.50** The New Music (1929260) **3.55** *Entertainment U.K.* (3384227) **4.50-5.30** America's Top 10

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am-10.15 Film. Pippi Longstocking (1129791) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8757284) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (29795062) **1.10-2.00** Film: Castaway Cowboy (3914062) **6.00-6.20** Calendar (323352) **1.25am** Quiz Night (2098802) **1.55** The Beat (8093376) **2.55** Zara Dhyan Dein (5661753) **3.00** Film: *Mother Holle* (746802) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (42401) **7.00** Fun Factory (8122246) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (93230) **12.00** WWF Challenge (75848) **1.00pm** Battlestar Galactica (12536) **2.00** Crazy Like a Fox (73710) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (5807) **3.30** *Fashion TV* (1197) **4.00** UK Top 40 (20081) **5.00** All-American Wrestling (6159) **6.00** The Simpsons (92772) ***7.00*** *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles:* Chicago 1920 (46517) **8.00** North and South (59081) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (45888) **11.00-12.00** *Stingray* (87401)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
8.00am Sunrise (1035401) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (12517) **11.30** Week in Review International (84807) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (68081) **1.30** Target (69710) **2.30** Roving Report (86604) **3.30** ABC Nightline (95623) **4.30** Memories (7130) **5.00** Live at Five (88884) **6.30** Roving Report (94623) **7.30** Week in Review International (5159) **9.30** Target (85536) **10.30** Roving Report (98888) **11.30** CBS News (68159) **12.30am** Week in Review (61127) **1.30** CBS News (19444) **2.30** Target (89192) **3.30** CBS News (91937) **4.30** Those Were The Days (60666) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (82647)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (18772)
8.00 The Ambushers (1968): Dean Martin stars as secret agent Matt Helm (84062)
10.00 Sugarland Express (1974): Steven Spielberg's big-screen debut stars Goldie Hawn as a fugitive wife and mother (28197)
12.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989): An original treatment of the Dickens classic (87913)
2.00pm Ice Castles (1978): An Olympic skater is blinded (69468)
4.00 Conagher (1991): Cowboy Sam Elliott becomes the saviour of pioneer Katharine Ross (4791)
6.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): Robert Urich and Ali MacGraw are shipwrecked (49604)
8.00 Little Man Tate (1991): Jodie Foster stars in her directorial debut as the single mother of a boy genius, *Adam Hann-Byrd* With Dianne Wiest (51449)
10.00 Delta Force 3: The Killing Game *(1991): Mike Norris leads the attempt to* abduct an Arab leader (516710)
11.40 American Kickboxer (1991): John *Barrett and Keith Vitali play champion* kickboxing rivals (903517)
1.20am Patti Rocks (1988): *Male chauvinists John Jenkins and Chris Mulkey drive out* to visit a pregnant girlfriend (46830596)
3.40 Father *(1991): Max Von Sydow* professes his innocence when accused of war crimes (319173). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Dames (1934, b/w): Variety show with Joan Blondell (12460791)
5.50 Random Harvest (1942, b/w): Amnesiac Ronald Colman begins a new life with *music hall singer Greer Garson (19495913)*
8.00 Twilight Zone – The Movie (1983): Four eerie stories (42739)
10.00 Day for Night (1973): *A film director attempts to make a love story. Starring François Truffaut and and Jacqueline Bisset* (617826) *Ends at 11.55*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am On the Buses (1971): Comedy with Reg Varney and the gang (47642)
8.00 One, Two, Three (1961): Billy Wilder comedy starring James Cagney (92513130)
9.50 Avalon (1990). Armin Mueller-Stahl as the head of an extended Jewish family living in Baltimore With Joan Plowright (83682842)
12.00 Impromptu (1990): The French novelist George Sand's pursuit of the composer Chopin. With Judy Davis (85555)
2.00pm Alvarez Kelly (1966): American civil war drama with William Holden (50710)
4.00 Jetsons: The Movie (1990): Cartoon about the space-age family (2333)
6.00 Rover Dangerfield (1992): Animated comedy about a dog from Las Vegas who moves to the country (47246)
8.00 Arachnophobia (1990): Jeff Daniels home is besieged by spiders (42791)
10.00 Scissors (1991): Psychological thriller with Sharon Stone (514352)
11.40 The Monk (1991). Paul McGann, a monk in 18th-century Madrid, is seduced by Sophie Ward (780569)
1.30am To Sleep with Anger (1990): Drama about a troubled family. Starring Danny Glover (801482)
3.15 Cool Blue (1988): Painter Woody Harrelson pursues his dream woman (670531). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (52739) **7.30** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (40536) **9.00** Red Line (30178) **10.00** Golf: St Jude Classic (90913) **12.00** Rugby Union: Australia v South Africa (12307) **2.00pm** Horse Racing from Lingfield (249772) **5.00** Water Skiing (8159) **6.00** Canadian Open Tennis (999265) **9.00** Golf: St Jude Classic (90352) **11.00** Cycling (47772) **11.30-1.30am** Rugby Union (as noon) (35623)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (59842) **8.00** Golf: Scandinavian Masters (62802) **10.00** WTA *Tennis* (85081) **12.00** *Motorcycling: British* Grand Prix (4054517) **12.45pm** German Superbike (481178) **1.15** Motorcycling: British Grand Prix (4267468) **2.00** German Superbike (3468) **2.30** Motorcycling: British Grand Prix (4355197) **3.15** Equestrian (181197) **4.15** *ATP Tennis:* Dutch Open (50368401) **6.00** Golf: Scandinavian Masters (84352) **7.00** IndyCar Grand Prix (50371) **9.00** *Athletics* (61352) **10.30** *ATP Tennis:* Dutch Open (68246) **11.30-12.30am** Golf: Scandinavian Masters (83325)

UK GOLD
7.00am *Michael Bentine's Potty Time* (2334307) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (3889492) **8.00** Lassie (1994420) **8.30** Dog House (1993791) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (7425468) **11.00** Film: Texas Lady (1955) starring Claudette Colbert (2885130) **12.30pm** Film: Crashout (1955, b/w) starring William Bendix (89352) **2.00** Till Death Us Do Part (7642) **2.30** Sorry! (2863552) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (6802710) **5.30** David Copperfield (2673848) **6.00** Pride and *Prejudice* (5716738) **7.00** *Sorry!* (1252984) **7.30** No Place Like Home (5928915) **8.00** Miss Marple (1283178) **9.00** The Six Wives of Henry VIII (90318420) *10.45 Rory Bremner* (7089371) **11.15** Life Without George (7088284) **11.45-1.15am** In Concert: Glen Campbell (9879492)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (48623) **7.00** Commander Crumbcake (23497) **7.30** Widget (10352) **8.00** *Cartoons* (26064) **8.30** Rattan II (783791) **9.00** Sharky and George (92807) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids: *Ovide and the Gang (10791)* **10.00** *Heidi (78517)* **10.30** Kissyfur (81791) **11.00** Ins Captain Pugwash (95333) **11.30** Cartoons (96057) **12.00** Dinosaurs (78541) **12.30pm** *Swamp* Thing (21807) **1.00** Anne of the Wolf Clan (19062) **2.00** Just Us (5604) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1994) **3.00** *Chicken Minute* (4739) **3.30** Mr Majeika (3739) **4.00** The Gold Bug (19913) **5.00** Katts and Dog (9284) **5.30** 3-2-1 Contact (5710) **6.00-7.00** *Fame* (39826)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Witness to Change **6.55** Weather
7.00 Bach and His Sons: J.S. Bach (Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf, BWV 226); C.P.E. Bach (Oboe Concerto in E flat, Wq 165: Paul Goodwin); W.F. Bach (Duet in F minor); J.C.F. Bach (Symphony in E flat); J.S. Bach (Mass in F, BWV 233); W.F. Bach (Sonata in F for two harpsichords: Andreas Staier and Robert Hill); J.S. Bach (Fürchte dich nicht, BWV 228)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Handel (Sinfonia and Opening Chorus, Acis and Galatea); Prokofiev (A Summer Day); **9.29** *Composer of the Week* preview: Fauré (Le papillon et la fleur; Les roses d'Ispahan); Artist of the Week: Richard Hickox conducts German (Three Dances, Henry VIII); Weelkes (When David Heard); Saint-Saëns, transcr Liszt (*Danse macabre*); Selim Palmgren (Pictures from Finland, Op 24); Susato (*Rondes, The Danserye*); Tomkins (When David Heard); Rossini (Introduction, Theme *and Variations*); *Elgar* (Sea Pictures); R. Strauss (Serenade for 13 wind instruments); Britten (Psalm 150); Satie (Gymnopédies Nos 1-3); Debussy (La mer)
12.00 Vintage Years: The Early Recordings of Toscanini (r). See Choice
1.00pm News 1.05 Poetry in Action: Bankers Are Just Like Anyone Else, Except Richer. The first of five programmes compiled by Leo Aylen is on the theme of money
1.20 Czech Philharmonic *Orchestra under* Jiri Belohlavek performs Martinů (Frescoes of Piero della Francesca); Milan Slavicky (Porta Coeli); Dvořák (Symphony No 6 in D)
2.45 Samuel Barber: Ballads, Op 45 (Angela Brownridge, piano); Cello Sonata (Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, Roger Vignoles, piano)
3.15 The Classical Piano: Robert D. Levin plays Schubert (Piano Sonata in D, D850); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in B flat, Op 106, Hammerklavier)
4.45 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Richard Pittman, with Lucy Shelton, soprano, performs Steven Stucky (Dreamwaltzes); Joseph Schwantner (Magabunda); Colin McPhee (Tabu-Tabuhan)
6.00 Delmé Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 20 No 4); Malcolm Lipkin (Bartók Variations)
7.00 BBC Proms: *Live from the* Albert Hall, London. Choir of New College, Oxford; Salisbury Cathedral Choristers; King's Consort under Robert King perform Act 1 of Handel's oratorio, Deborah. With Yvonne Kenny in the title role, Susan Gritton as Jael and Catherine Denley as Sisera. **8.00** Roderick Swanston discusses the apocryphal story of Deborah. **8.20** Acts 2 and 3
10.00 Sunday Play: King Oedipus. The Greek tragedy by Sophocles, in the version translated by W.B. Yeats. With *Robert Lindsay as Oedipus*, Dorothy Tutin as Jocasta and Paul Daneman as Creon (r)
11.30 French Lessons: Peter Hill, piano, plays Judith Weir (The art of touching the keyboard); *Debussy (Images, Book 1);* George Benjamin (Study No 1, on iambic rhythm); Messiaen (Six petites esquisses d'oiseaux) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, including Bells on Sunday from the Church of St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire **6.55** Weather **7.00** News, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Quentin Seddon *breakfasts with the dairy* consultant Gordon Newman **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** *Sunday Papers*
8.50 John Prescott, MP, appeals for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the Church of St Martin with St Peter, Worcester
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Jay Rayner
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm In the Psychiatrist's Chair: See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Birstwith *Horticultural Society in North* Yorkshire put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Daphne *Ledward and Fred Downham.* Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: Alexander. Third of a six-part serial on the life of Alexander the Great by David Wade. With Michael Maloney and Alex Jennings
3.30 The Radio Programme: The comedy producer Harry Thompson finds out what *makes the perfect panelist.* Presented by Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; *Ages Past:* Colin *McLaren looks at the perils of* childbirth (r)
4.47 Siesta Day, Fiesta Nights: *Drew Launay on the fondness* for nicknames in Spain
5.00 News; Leslie Thomas in a Novel Setting: *Leslie Thomas* visits the South Hams of Devon, the setting for his novel, *Magic Army* (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae and Bob Carlton explore Shakespeare's greatest hits **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Letter from Turkmenistan: Kevin Connolly visits the oil-rich republic of the former Soviet Union (r)
6.30 Europhile, presented by Gordon Clough (r)
7.00 The Hidden Spirit: Rogan *Taylor explores religious and* spiritual lives that exist outside the established churches
7.30 A Good Read: *Edward* Blishen, Sue Townsend and John Hegley choose three paperbacks (r)
8.00 Punters with Susan Marling
8.30 Laughing Aloud: Meditations on Basic Baroque. Joss Ackland reads Kenneth *Tynan's account of the female* bottom
9.00 The Natural History, with George Macpherson (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Reigate Squires. Clive Merrison plays Conan Doyle's immortal detective, with Michael Williams as Dr *Watson (r)*
11.00 A Year in Committee
11.30 Before the Ending of the Day: The late evening office of Compline from the Parish Church of All Saints, Old Heathfield (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

In the Psychiatrist's Chair. *Radio 4, 12.15pm.*
Esther Rantzen's consultation in Dr Anthony Clare's famously imaginary chair is a curiously tame affair. She uses the analogy of a continuing car ride to explain *her journey through life. It is tempting* to extend the analogy and say that she gives the impression in this interview of having slipped out of her seat belt so that she can make a quick exit when the going gets tough. It does not get tough, mainly because Clare seems anxious not to let his foot stray too far from the brake pedal.

Vintage Years: The *Early Recordings of Toscanini.* *Radio 3, Noon.*
Because they *are* early recordings, dating back in some cases to the 1920s, the quality leaves something to be desired. They cannot compare, for instance, with the recordings Toscanini made towards the end of his career, when he was conducting the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Technical shortcomings apart, today's selection catches Toscanini at his interpretative best and Robert Philip includes records he made with *La Scala Orchestra*, the BBC SO and the Philharmonic SO of New York. **Peter Davalle**

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** *Rockline* **4.00** *The UK Top 40* **7.00** *The Official 1 FM Album Chart* **8.00** *Anne Nightingale* **10.00** Gary Davies (FM from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Sujata Barot **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy **4.00** Tea at the Randolph **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** *Charlie Chester* **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Hall Hour from St George's Church, Brandon Hill, Bristol **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Lady Valerie Solti *asks: what do people sing in the bath?* **12.05am** Jon Briggs **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** Whoppers (2/6) **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The *AM Alternative Omnibus* **11.30** And Now Read On: John le Carré on spy writing **12.10pm** Learn to Earn **12.40** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport, including Motor Cycling: British Grand Prix; Cricket: Women's World Cup Final; AXA Equity and Law League; Golf: Scandinavian Masters; Athletics: Weltklasse meeting; Show Jumping **7.20** Open University: Generals of the Revolution — James Watt; **7.40** Europe and a Changing World — Securing the Future; **8.00** Women and Music in the 16th Century **8.20** At Summer School **8.40** Maths — Maxima and Minima **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Art Works; **9.40** Developing World **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Seeing Stars **5.45** Party, Party **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Letter from America **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Ray on Record **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Seeing Stars **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: Under Milk Wood **2.00** News **2.01** The Pope's Divisions **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** The Odd Couple **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In Good Voice **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Brain of Britain **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Seeing Stars **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Ray on Record **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** The Record Producers **2.45** Arabian Sounds **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month, Mendelssohn **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** *Celebrity Choice* **1.00pm** *Nicky Horne* **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am *Graham Dene* ***10.00*** *Paul Coyte* **2.00pm** Classic Tracks with Emperor Roskō **4.00** The Album Chart **7.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** *Tommy Rivers* ***2.00-6.00am*** *Sandy Beach*

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF THE COMING WEEK'S TE

A different sort of Wexford



Occasionally, themed seasons are not just a bundle of repeats and bought-in cheapies under a fancy new label. Channel 4's Bosnia week is a mix of documentaries, music and personal testimonies that shows the experience of living through the war and tells what the war is actually about. Other highlights: the first play in Billy Roche's *Wexford Trilogy*, a moving look at the aftermath of the Zambian football air disaster, and a *whirl through modern youth culture.*

The Wexford Trilogy: Poor Beast in the Rain
Today, BBC2, 9pm
The setting is a betting shop in a provincial Irish town. It's a place inhabited by shrunken people growing bitter or deluded, and the ghost myths of the ones who have left them behind.

Eileen is young and bored and yet to spoil. "By the time something reaches here it's already gone out of fashion everywhere else," she complains. Georgie is her amiable young swain on his way to watch the All-Ireland hurling final. Steven is her sad man of a father, still half-broken by the memory of his wife running out ten years earlier with the town hard man, glamorous Danger Doyle. Joe is the frenetic gambler still living high on the stories of his youthful adventures with Danger. And Molly ("a fine hold in her day"), who cleans around the shop, provides the harsh disappointed voice of bitter sense. "Forget about the nice fellas," she advises Eileen. "It's the bold boys you want to get your hands on."

It's a sad, funny, self-contained world that could continue for ever. It needs something to change it, so along comes Danger, swaggering in his natty suit and dangerous manner, to bring to the surface all the ugly, rueful emotions. It's a simple theatrical device — to show a closed world and then watch how the dangerous catalyst changes everything — and it works well.

"Some people are born to be hurt," Molly says. "Some people are born to do the hurting. It's as simple as that. It's the nature of things."

The acting is good, the writing by Billy Roche is excellent — clever and funny and wise. The presentation is capable. And the play builds up compellingly to a drunken climax, when the drink turns the characters ugly and painfully honest. Passions and emotions swill to the surface and not even whiskey can wash them away. Even Steven, untouchable in such a long time, is touched by it. "I thought I was going to sneak through life unnoticed," he says, nostalgically.

Bloody Bosnia: The Essential Guide
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm
This is a history lesson for people who get bored easily. *The Essential Guide* is a zappy, snappy whirl of images and interviews in three 15-minute slots that zips from 12th-century Byzantium to present-day Bosnia. It sometimes lapses into silly slogans, but it succeeds well in its aim of providing information lucidly and watchably.

Birthrights: Crossing the Track
Monday, BBC2, 8pm
The poet Benjamin Zephaniah is our cheery guide into the ways that black culture has provided the roots for youth culture to grow from. It can be a mysterious, confusing world for the outsider ("When I was young we used to play street music in the house. Now they play house music in the street"), and Zephaniah is good at explaining the meanings and connections of it all with the help of musicians, journalists, fashion designers and academics.

The more important points are made towards the end, after we're shown the Asian from Birmingham rapping in West Indian patois, the West Indian singing in Punjabi, the white boy mixing up Jamaican and Asian sounds, and the black, ex-reggae band that plays hard rock. This is, we are assured (perhaps a little too rosily?), the mix 'n' match multi-racial future.

On the Line: The Journey Back
Wednesday, BBC2 8.30pm
In April, the entire Zambian football squad died in a plane crash while on its way to play a World Cup qualifying match in Senegal. Zambia is in huge trouble economically — it's running out of its main resource of copper, inflation is going crazy, and the recently elected president (brought to power on an anti-corruption, free market ticket) has advised his people that the political way forward is to have faith in God. The Zambian football team was the country's one available emblem of success.

The match against Senegal was postponed until this coming weekend, and in three months another team has been put together. *On the Line* follows the build-up towards the match, interviews journalists (including the exotically named Beauty Lupiya, who feels almost as if she should have died along with the team) and fans and wives of dead players. The programme is a good clear account of nation desperately interpreting itself in sport, against the odds.

Cricket: Fifth Test, England v Australia
Coverage starts Thursday, BBC2, 10.55am
Thirty full television days have been given over to Test cricket this summer, and we deserve better. (I'm not talking about cricketing performance: the games have been good, if predictable, as the Australians, in their anti-sun zinc war paint and wraparound shades, have encouraged everybody to fail the Norman Tebbit cricket test.) It's the standard of commentary that is so bad.

Exempt from criticism are Richie Benaud, Geoff Boycott and Ian Chappell. Each is informative and, to varying degrees, engaging company. The rest are hopeless. Tony Lewis is turning into a non-singing, non-joking Harry Secombe. Jack Bannister is banal and dull. And Ray Illingworth is drearily, relentlessly repetitive. "It's most unusual to see two stumpings in one innings," he pointed out in the last match, then repeated the point twice but in different words, paused, considered, waited for inspiration, received it, and concluded triumphantly by turning around the word order of the original statement: "To see two stumpings in one innings is most unusual." He then drifted off into silence. His job was done.

Washing Away the Stain
Thursday, BBC2, 7.30pm
This is the story of the Magdalene institutions, founded in Victorian times in Ireland and Scotland as hostels and laundry workplaces for fallen women. (The symbolism was obvious, and a little crass: Mary Magdalene, the ex-prostitute, redeemed herself by washing the feet of Jesus; these women could redeem themselves by washing the dirty sheets of the world outside.) The last institution turned off its taps in 1975, but there are plenty of women around to talk about the wretched experience of living and working in these places.

It becomes clear that the women were not so much fallen as just plain unwanted. They were a mixture of girls who had become pregnant, a few petty thieves, girls "at risk from local boys' attentions or their own passions", and unmarried women whose families couldn't or didn't want to support them.

A fascinating subject, it is dealt with in a tiresome way. History and biography and personal testimony drift confusedly through a mush of corny, under-lit images (whenever the programme focuses on escape attempts, in slips a runaway gypsy girl splashing through puddles by twilight).

True Stories: The Unforgiving
Thursday, Channel 4, 9.15pm
It doesn't matter how inured you might be to images of suffering or how indifferent or expert you are in the political intricacies of the Bosnian wars, this programme is astonishingly powerful. There are no good guys here, only victims, and a monster or two.

The narrative drive is supplied by the story of Desa and Ilja, a middle-aged Serbian couple who are looking for the body of their son who died, somewhere, nine months ago. Their guide is Mujo, a sorrowful Muslim, who used to be their friend, is now their prisoner, and who might know where their son is buried — although he denies it ("Kill me now," he says to the soldiers guarding him, not believing the couple's claim that they only want him to guide them to the grave and then he will be forgiven and free).

Then we are into torture victims' testimony — brutal tales of murder and rape and humiliation. A stream of Muslims who survived the Omarska camp tell their grisly stories and name the head of security there, Zeljko Mejakic, as a prime mover in the tortures. (One game popular among the camp guards was the competition to see in how few kicks they could kill a man. The regular winner was a big man who could do it in five.)

The programme then neatly cuts to Mejakic himself, taking the camera crew on a friendly tour of the clean, bright compound. Mejakic has the look of a passionate ascetic; he denies any wrongdoing, or even a feeling of any hate for the opposing side.

Then we are shown the recently captured area of Jasenovic in northern Bosnia, where 700,000 Serbs were killed by Croatians and Muslims in the second world war and buried in mass graves. Modern-day Serbs dig for bones of dead relations, and there's a brief grisly montage of the second world war killers posing with dismembered heads, of dead bodies floating in lakes, of bulldozers shifting corpses, of a field of tidily arranged skulls. This episode underlies the hatred between the Serbs, Croatians and Muslims — the hate that Mejakic denies feeling.

The women of each side dress mostly in black, an efficient thing to do because they have lots of cemeteries to go to.

The film ends with black-costumed Desa, wild with despair, throwing stones at Muslim refugees aboard UN trucks. She screams abuse, scuttles about, resists the attempts of a soldier to quieten her, and stops throwing only when the last truck is out of range. Then she looks hopefully around for the next one.



Small-town shenanigans: Georgie (Gary Lydon), Joe (Des McAleer), Danger Doyle (Liam Cunningham) and Eileen (Dervla Kirwan) in Billy Roche's *The Wexford Trilogy*

TODAY
The French Connection 1971, US (BBC1, 10.40pm)
Monsieur Hire 1989, Fr (BBC2, 11.15pm)
TOMORROW
A Fine Madness 1966, US (BBC1, 11.40pm)
TUESDAY
Rachel and the Stranger 1948, US (BBC2, 6pm)
WEDNESDAY
Topper 1937, US (BBC2, 10.05am)
The Adventures of Marco Polo 1938, US (Ch4, 2pm)
THURSDAY
The President's Analyst 1967, US (Ch4, 11pm)
FRIDAY
The Spiral Staircase 1946, US (BBC2, 12 midnight)

TOMORROW
Athletics: Cologne Grand Prix (ITV, 4.45pm)
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Swimming: European championship (BBC2, 4pm)
WEDNESDAY
Athletics: Zurich Grand Prix (ITV, 9pm)
THURSDAY
Cricket: England v Australia, fifth Test (BBC2 10.55am, highlights 11.15pm)

Fantastic Facts! (Wednesday, ITV, 7pm)

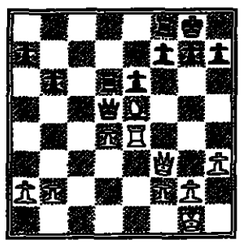
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This week, I pay homage to Aron Nimzowitsch, one of the most original chess thinkers, whose subtle play bewitched many of his opponents. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch — Nielsen, Copenhagen 1930. Can you spot White's brilliant coup?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed on Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition:1 Ng6+. The winners are: D. Todd, London E18; V. Reeves, Yiewsley; D.A.H. Brown, Malvern.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CLASSICALS

GROMATICI
a. Early textual critics
b. A Thracian tribe
c. Land surveyors

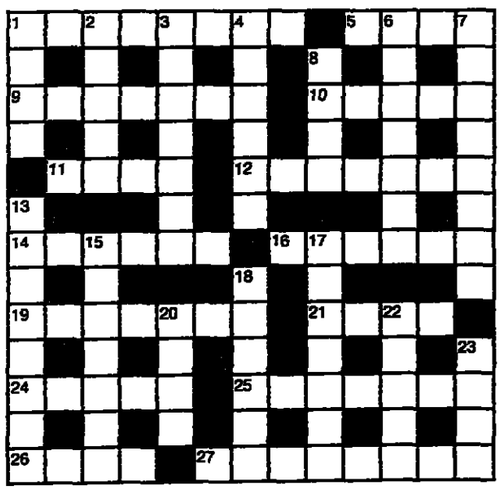
PERIOECI
a. The capitals of a peristyle
b. Spartan neighbours
c. Athenian colonists

BOREAS
a. A collocutor of Socrates
b. An Etruscan coin
c. The north wind

GALLUS
a. The original Gaulish chieftain
b. Father of the elegiac
c. A type of gladiator

Answers on page 13

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3162



ACROSS
1 Fee in lieu of duty (8)
5 Frozen (4)
9 Spanish king's daughter (7)
10 Intense yearnings (5)
11 Chew (4)
12 Musical narrative (7)
14 Skin spot (6)
16 Tamil Nadu capital (6)
19 Not taking sides (7)
21 Reel (4)
24 Relative measure (5)
25 Immunity inoculation (7)
26 Simmered dish (4)
27 Trade unionists (8)

DOWN
1 Cutting remark (4)
2 Jokingly (2,3)
3 Restoration (7)
4 Close (6)
6 Man/horse (7)
7 Distribute (8)
8 Hot springs gemstone (4)
13 Indignant (2,2,4)
15 Canadian policeman (7)
17 "Small peach" (7)
18 Intelligent (6)
20 Origin (4)
22 Plassey baron (5)
23 Former stables street (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3161

ACROSS: 1 Columbus 7 Awake 8 Pollution 9 Mud 10 Tram 11 Surety 13 Noddle 14 Hinted 19 Seesaw 20 Pool 21 Hit 23 Chiropody 24 Bully 25 In the end

DOWN: 1 Capstan 2 Lollard 3 Maul 4 Unique 5 Balmy 6 Bends 7 Angevin 12 Fluency 15 Twosome 16 Delayed 17 Ration 18 Sheba 19 Stile 22 Moth

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Videos for your villa

Paul Ryan suggests 11 titles that will fill the gaps on holiday



THE idea of taking videos on holiday may seem hopelessly pessimistic: a chunky paperback in your hand baggage is a distraction against the boredom of long flights or the often longer delays at airport terminals; a couple of videos in your luggage, however, might suggest you expect to be bored at your destination.

Yet even the perfect holiday offers lacunae, such as between the end of the afternoon and the beginning of the evening. If each family member is given the chance to choose one or two personal favourites, the holiday selection can be made in no time, and may even leave room for a lucky dip of oddball titles.

Here is a list that might fit the bill when you are too bushed to make it to the hotel swimming pool, or if you just want to relax after a long day's sightseeing.

Fantasia: A sure-fire hit with children, and many adults will find it hard to resist. Only a musical purist could object to this animated guide to classical music. Wildly experimental in its day, it had a new lease of life in the 1960s when flower children hailed it as a psychedelic masterpiece.

The 1966 World Cup Final: There are hundreds of sporting videos available, but I've chosen this one because it is the only football match I have ever watched from start to finish, and it almost turned me into a fan. When I innocently remarked next day that we had won the World Cup, a neighbour tersely confirmed my Celtic identity with the words: "What do you mean *we?*" Still, this should provide nostalgic comfort for English fans, while the rest of us can watch England lose a variety of games on live television.

Doctor Zhivago: Strictly for romantics. David Lean's account of Pasternak's novel is far from his best film, but there is nothing nicer than sitting in a hot location staring at acres of snowy waste.

Scott of the Antarctic: John Mills and company on ice. Likely to have much the same effects as *Zhivago*, but for those with a more adventurous spirit.

The Terminator: Older children will demand at least one modern blockbuster, and this is genuinely exciting and very well made. It should be seen on the big screen, but if you have ever tried to argue the comparative aesthetics of cinema and video with a bored teenager you will know better than to waste your breath. Arnold Schwarzenegger is perfectly cast as a robot.

L'Atalante: You should definitely choose a foreign language title, preferably one that coincides with the country you are visiting. Vigo's masterpiece has been praised so highly in recent years that I must warn those who have not seen it that it does not contain the secrets of the universe. It is a slight tale, told with rare poetry, and will haunt those who respond to it.

Stagecoach: John Ford's classic is one of the best westerns ever made and was inspired, believe it or not, by Maupassant's *Boule de suif*. Beautifully played by an ensemble cast (including the young John Wayne) it will make you grateful for modern forms of transport.

The Red Balloon: Another French title, but this one has no dialogue. Albert Lamorisse's enchanting fantasy of a small boy's encounter with a magical balloon will keep younger children engrossed if parents need a breather.

Harvey: Delightfully daffy comedy, featuring James Stewart as a gentle dipsomaniac ("the name's Dowd, Elwood P") who keeps company with a 6ft invisible rabbit. Not as well known as other "late screwballs" of its vintage (1950), and blessed with a supporting cast which includes the incomparable Josephine Hull.

Madness — Complete Madness: If the only available radio is blasting out nothing but Europop or incomprehensible sports coverage, you might welcome a couple of music videos. The fact that parents find *this* wacky band inoffensive does not seem to put off their younger fans.

Carmen: Francesco Rosi's ravishing film version of Bizet's opera stars Placido Domingo and Julia Migenes-Johnson, uses the full version and was filmed on location in Andalusia. It would be hard to find a better accompaniment to a romantic Spanish holiday.

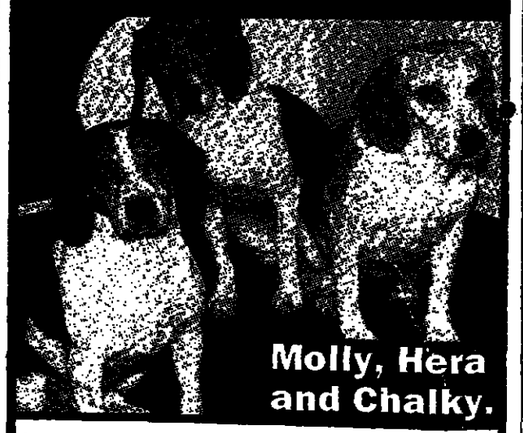
No selection can hope to please everybody, and those who have only to please themselves can select from, say, martial arts or gardening categories. There is even something called the video dog for those who would like to take a pet on holiday. This is part of a curious new trend that has brought us the video boyfriend and even (God help us) the video baby. I suppose it is only a matter of time before we have the video holiday, which has us sitting by a swimming pool in our own armchairs. But in that case, what on earth do you pack?

● Caitlin Moran is on holiday.



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